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## PREFACE

*South Australian Economic Indicators* is a monthly publication which contains the latest available data at the time of preparation for a range of statistical series that have been identified as indicators of economic activity in this State. In a number of cases the figures presented are preliminary and subject to revision in subsequent issues.

Written and graphic commentary have been included for many of the selected series and analysis has been augmented with the calculation of the percentage change from the previous reference period together with the presentation of comparative Australian data.

Time series information has been included to provide a historical perspective on many of the selected indicators. Future issues may be expanded to include further historical data in response to expressed user needs. This product is under continuous review and any suggestions for enhancement will be welcomed.

More detailed information on each series, including explanatory and technical notes, can be obtained from other Australian Bureau of Statistics publications or alternative data sources. To assist those seeking further information a source publication for each of the series has been documented in the statistical summary.

This issue includes a special article entitled *Government Finance Statistics: An Overview*. Future issues will contain further articles on statistical topics which concentrate on longer term trends or other issues pertinent to the South Australian economy.

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# REVIEW

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## Overview

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- Gross state product (GSP) contracted by 0.3% in the September quarter compared with a 0.5% increase in the national average.
- Merchandise exports, were valued at \$436.1 million in November an increase of 2.2% on October and a 37.6% increase on November 1995. Imports for November 1996 were valued at \$267.0 million, a 5.8% decrease on October and a 9.8% increase on November 1995.
- The trend estimate for retail sales has been in decline for the last five months with November 1996 showing a 0.9% decline from the previous month.
- The downward trend for new motor vehicle registrations in South Australia evident since April 1996 continued in November 1996 with a decrease of 0.8% from October 1996.
- The trend estimate for private new capital expenditure in South Australia for the September quarter 1996 increased by 13.4% from the previous quarter and is a continuation of trend growth which commenced in December quarter 1995.
- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in November 1996 increased 2.3% from October 1996.
- The value of non-residential building approved in South Australia for November 1996 increased by 39.3% to \$39.7 million from the low in October of \$28.5 million.
- The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the September quarter 1996 fell to \$238.4 million from the previous quarters high of \$403.9 million. The total value of building work done fell by 8.2% to \$283.2 million and the total value of building work yet to be done was \$400.1 million at the end of September quarter 1996, a fall of 5.5% from the previous quarter.
- The Price Index of Materials used in House Building increased by 0.1% for the month of November in Adelaide while the index for Other than House Building, rose 0.3%.
- The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has decreased in each of the last six months of 1996, reaching 657,100 in December; this reverses the continuous growth evident in the first half of 1996.
- After remaining flat in the ten months to August 1996, the trend unemployment rate for South Australia has increased to 9.6% at the end of 1996.
- In October 1996, 8,750 overseas visitors arrived in South Australia for a stay of less than 12 months. This was an increase of nearly one-third (31.7%) over October 1995.
- The trend estimate for the value of owner-occupied housing commitments rose 2.9% to \$250.2 million in November 1996.



## State Accounts

**NOTE:** Deficiencies in the data sources used to estimate gross operating surplus for recent quarters may at times lead to the current price estimates of gross state product GSP(I) being under or over stated for particular States. Consequently, the measured growth rate for constant price GSP(I) for those States will also be affected.

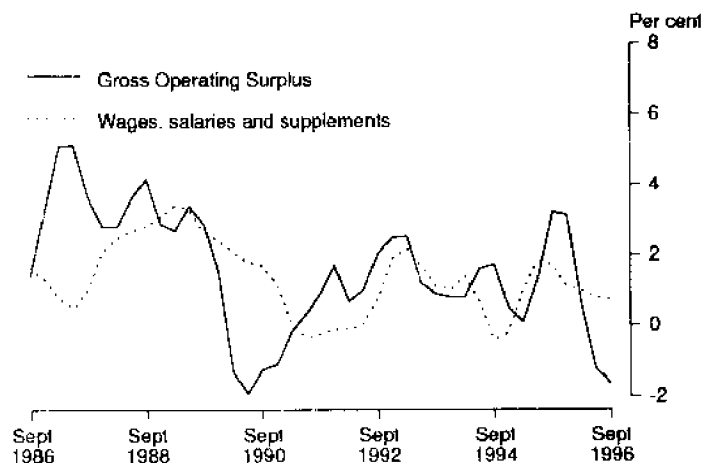
The constant price series for gross state product (GSP) have been labelled as 'experimental'. Users are cautioned that these estimates are derived indirectly by calculating a deflator from the expenditure components. It is emphasised that, at times, movements that can not be fully explained may be introduced into the constant price GSP(I) series through the use of this proxy deflator.

### *Trend Estimates (Current Prices)*

Gross state product (GSP) contracted by 0.3% in the September quarter compared with a 0.5% increase in the national average. Since peaking at 2.4% in the September quarter 1995, the growth in GSP has declined steadily. The annual growth rate of 2.4% was the lowest of all States.

The most significant factor contributing to the September quarter decline in GSP was a 1.6% decline in gross operating surplus. The annual growth rate of 0.8% was the lowest of all States.

**WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS AND  
GROSS OPERATING SURPLUS  
CURRENT PRICES - TREND  
Quarterly Changes**

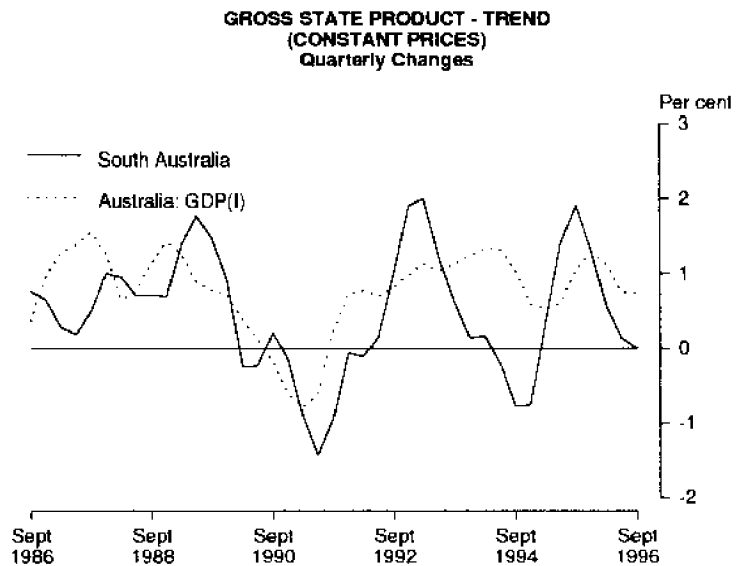


The rate of growth in wages, salaries and supplements has declined for the last 5 quarters, increasing by 0.7% in the September quarter.

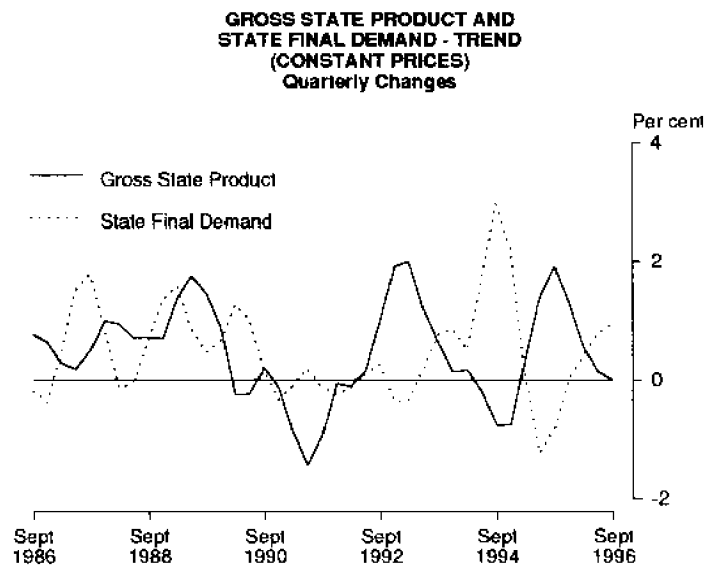
No growth was recorded for indirect taxes less subsidies over the latest two quarters.

### *Trend Estimates (Constant Prices)*

The experimental estimate of GSP at constant prices remained flat in the September quarter but increased by 2.0% through the year to September quarter 1996.



State final demand (SFD) increased by 1.0% in the September quarter and has, for the past two quarters, grown at a faster rate than GSP. September quarter growth in SFD was the highest of all States and was due mainly to a 7.3% increase in private gross fixed capital expenditure, in particular expenditure on equipment. Expenditure on dwellings fell for the eighth consecutive quarter.



There was an increase of 0.3% in private final consumption expenditure in the September quarter. The increase of 1.4% through the year to September quarter 1996 was the lowest growth rate of any State.

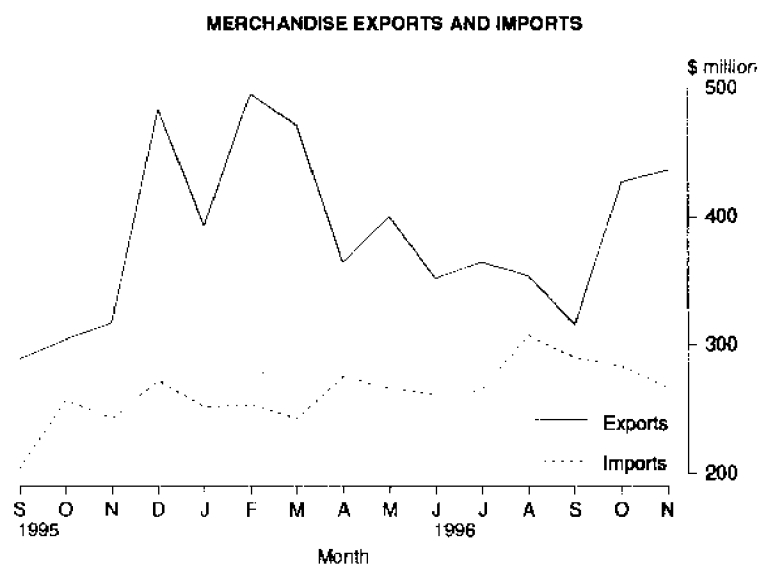
## International Accounts

### Exports

Merchandise exports, where the final stage of production was in South Australia, were \$436.1 million in November an increase of 2.2% on October and a 37.6% increase on the corresponding period last year.

The major commodity group exported during November 1996 was road vehicles, parts and accessories with \$99.7 million, continuing the growth in this commodity over the past three months. Petroleum and petroleum products have recorded a 95.7% increase on October 1996 reaching \$39.5 million.

The United States of America was the major country of destination in November 1996 with a value of \$100.3 million, following the \$74.3 million recorded in October. Japan with \$56.6 million was next, followed by New Zealand with \$32.8 million.



### Imports

The value of merchandise imports for November 1996 was \$267.0 million, a 5.8% decrease on the previous month and a 9.8% increase on November 1995. Machinery accounted for the largest proportion of imported goods with \$76.0 million or 28.5% of total imports, followed by other manufactured goods \$58.6 million (22.0%) and road vehicles, parts and accessories \$42.3 million (15.9%).

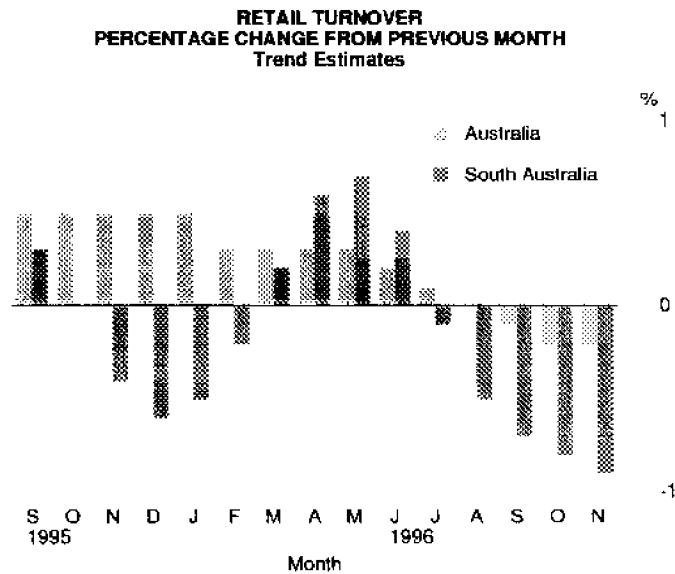
## Consumption and Investment

### Retail Turnover

The trend estimate has been in decline for the last five months with November showing a 0.9% decline from the previous month. The trend estimate for Australia fell by 0.2%.

Over the past three months the trend estimate for South Australia fell by \$17.8 million caused by decreases of \$9.4 million in hospitality and services, \$5.9 million in other retailing, \$4.6 million in household good retailing, \$3.3 million in clothing and soft good retailing, and \$1.4 million in department stores. This was partly offset by increases of \$5.5 million in food retailing and \$1.3 million in recreational good retailing group.

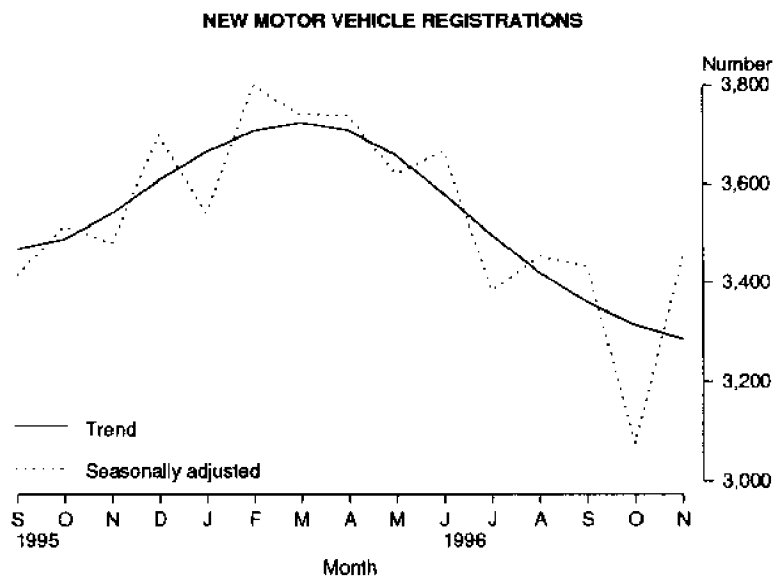
The seasonally adjusted estimate of retail trade in November 1996 increased 1.1%. In original terms, South Australian retail turnover was \$787.5 million, a decrease of 3.3% on November 1995.



#### New Motor Vehicle Registrations

The downward trend for new motor vehicle registrations in South Australia evident since April 1996 continued in November 1996 with a decrease of 0.8% from October 1996. The seasonally adjusted estimate for November 1996 increased by 12.3% from October 1996, but was 0.7% lower than in November 1995.

In original terms there were 3,512 new motor vehicles registered in November 1996, a rise of 4.4% from October 1996 and a decrease of 6.4% from November 1995. For new passenger vehicles, the leading makes registered in November 1996 were Holden (674 vehicles), Ford (657), Mitsubishi (446), Toyota (420) and Hyundai (199).



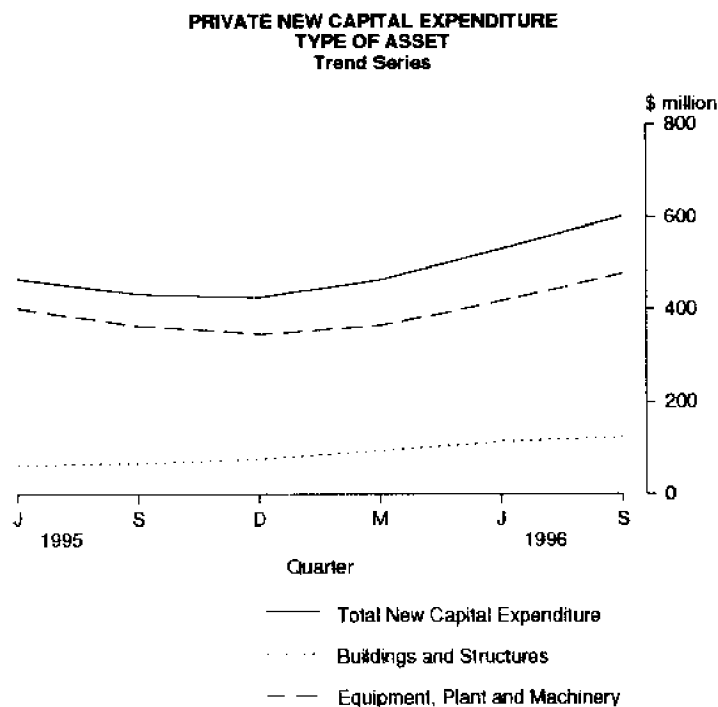
### Tourist Accommodation

When the September quarter 1996 is compared with the September quarter 1995, the number of holiday flats, units and houses available for short-term letting increased by 10.6%. Unit nights occupied increased by 19.9% while the unit occupancy rate rose from 32.4% to 35.1%. Accommodation takings increased by 26.9% from \$2.3 million to \$2.9 million while average takings per unit night occupied rose from \$59 to \$63.

### Private New Capital Expenditure

The trend estimate for private new capital expenditure in South Australia for the September quarter 1996 increased by 13.4% from the previous quarter and is a continuation of trend growth which commenced in December quarter 1995. The Australian figure rose by 4.1%. The South Australian total for the quarter now represents 5.6% of the Australian figure.

Private new capital expenditure in original terms for the September quarter 1996 was \$587 million, an increase of 13.1% from the June quarter 1996. Buildings and structures accounted for \$133 million, and equipment, plant and machinery \$454 million.



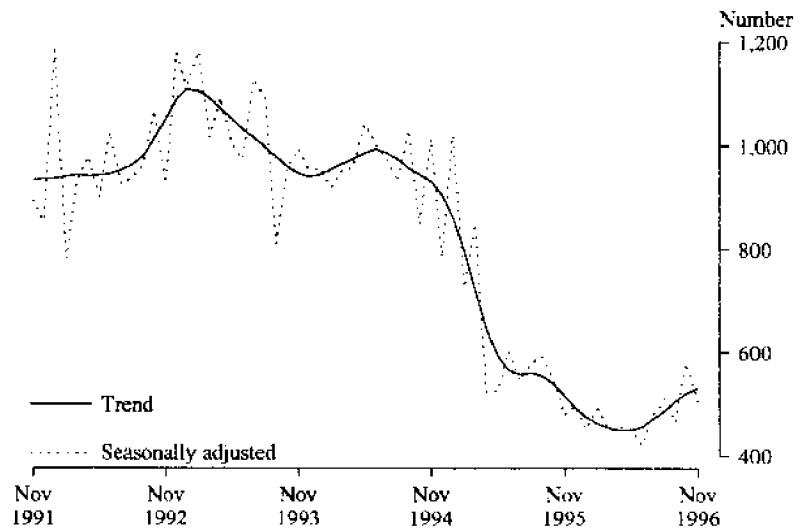
## Production

### Dwelling Approvals

The November 1996 trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in South Australia has continued its upward movement with an increase of 2.3% from October 1996 and is now more than 18% higher than the low of April 1996. In original terms, the number of dwelling unit approvals for November 1996 fell 13.8% to 488. This fall can be attributed to the October figure including an exceptionally high number of other residential dwellings. Approvals for private sector houses actually rose this month by 9.2% to 438.

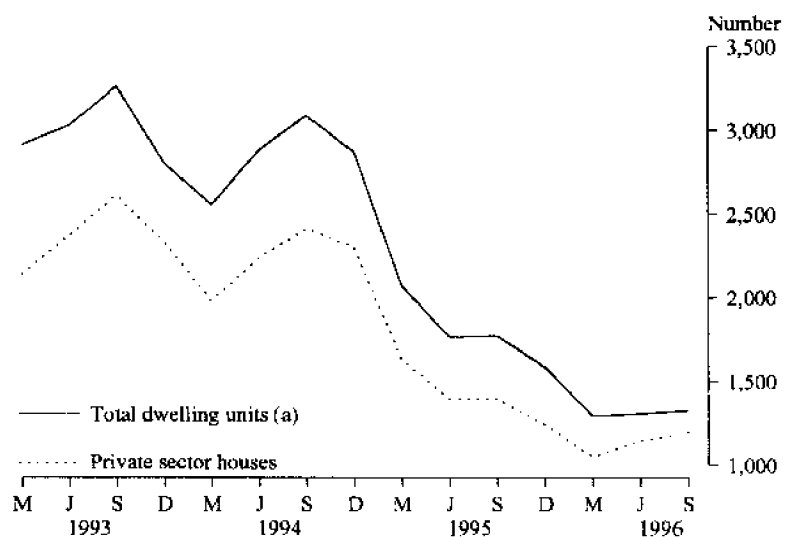
The national trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved for November 1996 was 10,822, up by 1.1% from the October 1996 estimate and 6.2% more than the previous years estimate. In original terms, South Australia accounted for 4.4% of the total dwelling units approved in Australia during November 1996.

## DWELLING UNITS APPROVED

*Dwelling Commencements*

From the Building Activity Survey, it was estimated that 1,328 dwelling units were commenced in South Australia during the September quarter 1996. This represents a rise of 1.5% from the previous quarter compared with a 3.5% fall nationally. The September quarter figure for South Australia was 25.0% below the total of a year earlier, while the national decrease over the 12 month period was 12.6%.

## DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED



(a) Includes Conversions, etc.

*Value of Building Approvals*

The value of non-residential building in South Australia for November 1996 has increased by 39.3% to \$39.7 million from last months low of \$28.5 million. Offices, Health and Educational projects collectively accounted for over 60% of the total value of non-residential building for November 1996. For November 1996, the public sector accounted for \$21.0 million of the total value of non-residential building, the largest since March 1996.

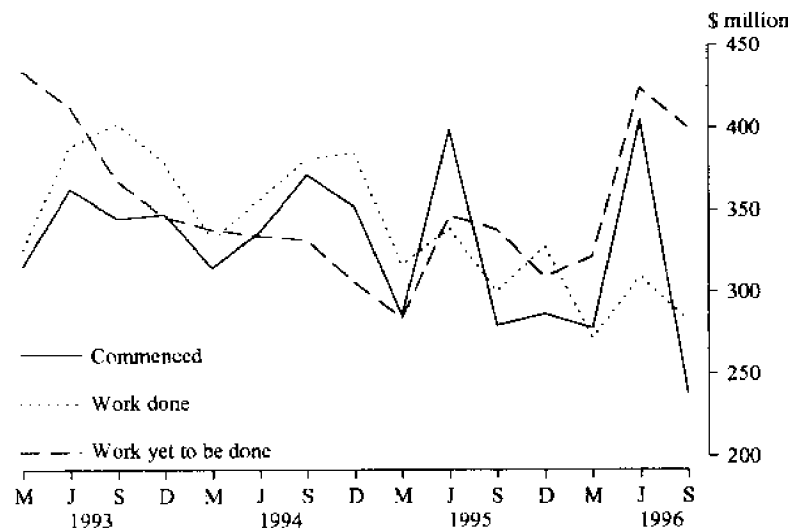
### Value of Total Building Activity

The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the September quarter 1996 fell by 41.0% to \$238.4 million from the previous quarters high of \$403.9 million. This fall can be mostly attributed to a 60.9% fall in the non-residential building sector, in particular, shops, other business premises and entertainment and recreational categories which had recorded substantial increases last quarter. This is the lowest value for building work commenced in South Australia recorded in over ten years.

The total value of building work done during the September quarter 1996 fell by 8.2% to \$283.2 million compared with a 3.9% increase nationally. Compared with the September quarter 1995, South Australia had a 5.5% fall in the value of total building work done which was comparable with the national movement of a 4.9% fall.

The total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was \$400.1 million at the end of September quarter 1996, a fall of 5.5% from the previous quarter while the corresponding national figure increased by 2.1% to \$9,530.6 million. Expressed as a proportion of the national total, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was 4.2% for the September quarter 1996.

VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY



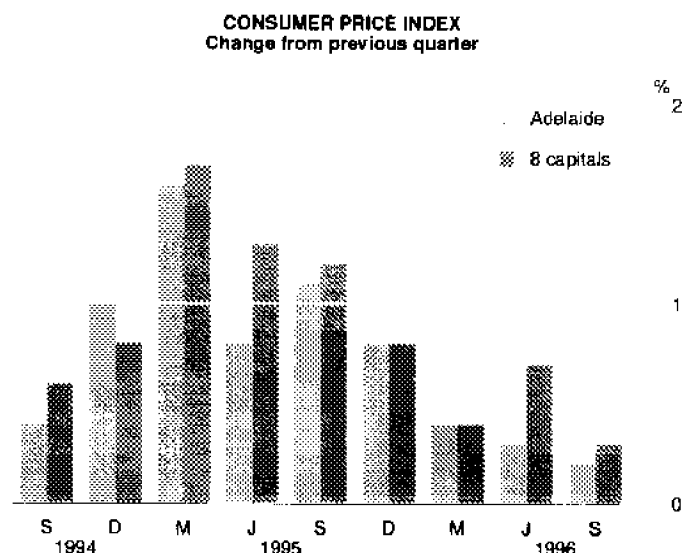
### Value of Engineering Construction

In South Australia, the value of engineering construction work done for the September quarter 1996 was down 38.5% to \$139.1 million compared with a 9.8% fall nationally. South Australia had a 3.7% share of the national total of \$3,719.3 million. The value of work commenced during the quarter for South Australia rose 25.9% to \$247.9 million while the Australian total increased 33.6% to \$4,382.1 million. The State's proportion of national commencements was 5.7% for the September quarter 1996.

## Prices

### Consumer Price Index

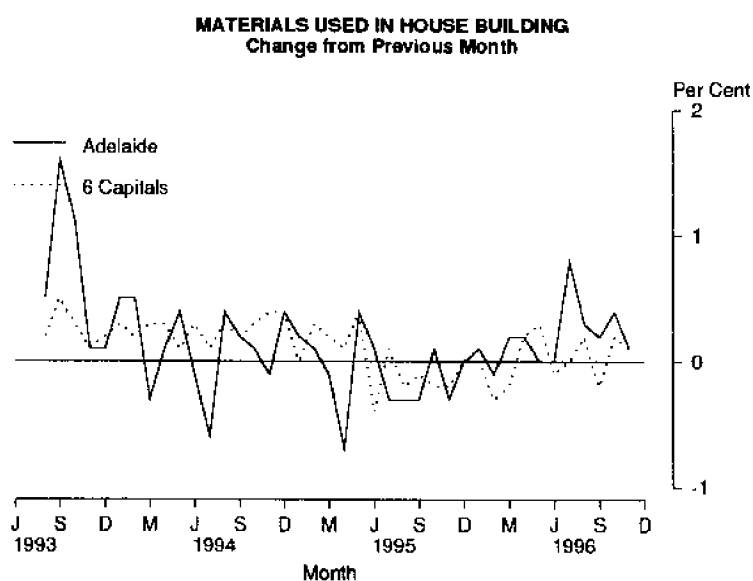
For the September quarter 1996 the Consumer Price Index (all groups) increased 0.2% for Adelaide compared with an increase of 0.3% for the 8 capital cities. These are the lowest quarterly increases recorded since December quarter 1993. The annual increase was 1.7% for Adelaide and 2.1% for the 8 capital cities.



### House Building Materials

The Price Index of Materials used in House Building increased by 0.1% for the month of November in Adelaide. This was the same as the weighted average of the 6 State capitals.

For the twelve months to November 1996, the index has risen 2.1%, while showing a rise of 0.2% for the weighted average of the 6 State capitals.

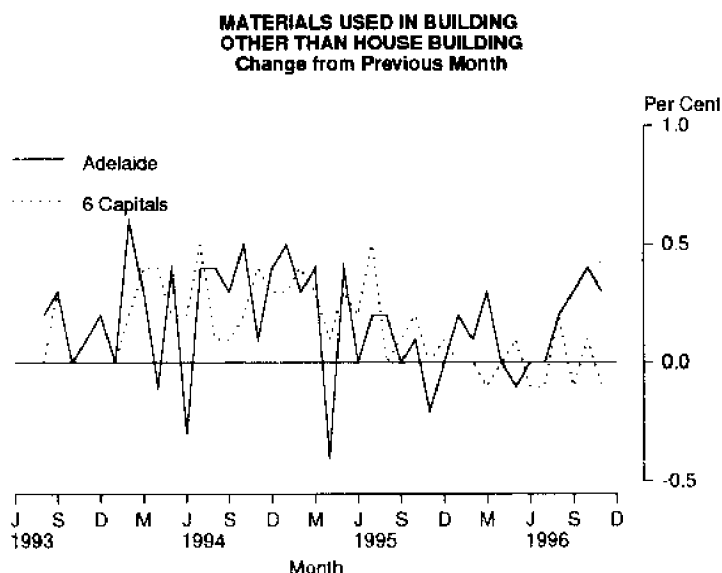




### Non-house Building Materials

Adelaide recorded a rise of 0.3% in the Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building, for the month of November. There was a decrease in the price of elevators and escalators and mains cable, but this was offset by an increase in structural steel. The weighted average of the six State capitals showed a decrease of 0.1%.

A rise of 1.5% for the 12 months to November 1996 in the index was recorded for Adelaide, while no movement was recorded for the weighted average of the 6 State capitals for the same period.



### House Prices

During the September quarter 1996 the Price Index of Established Houses in Adelaide decreased 0.1% whilst the Project Home Index showed a 0.7% decrease. The weighted average of the 8 capital cities index, over the same period showed a 0.4% increase for established houses and a 0.2% decrease for project houses.

Between September quarters of 1995 and 1996 the Price Index for Established Houses in Adelaide decreased by 2.0% and project homes by 1.7%. Nationally, for the 12 month period established house prices recorded a 1.2% increase and project homes decreased by 0.2%.

### Passenger Transport Costs

The passenger transport cost index measures changes in the costs of operating a public transport passenger bus service in Adelaide. Costs covered include labour costs, leasing charges, registration and insurance, repairs and maintenance, fuel and overheads. The index has been compiled on a quarterly basis from September 1995 with a base of 100.0 in 1993-94. The September quarter 1996 index was 104.1, down from 104.2 in June 1996. The index showed a 1.5% increase in the 12 months to September 1996.

## Labour Force and Demography

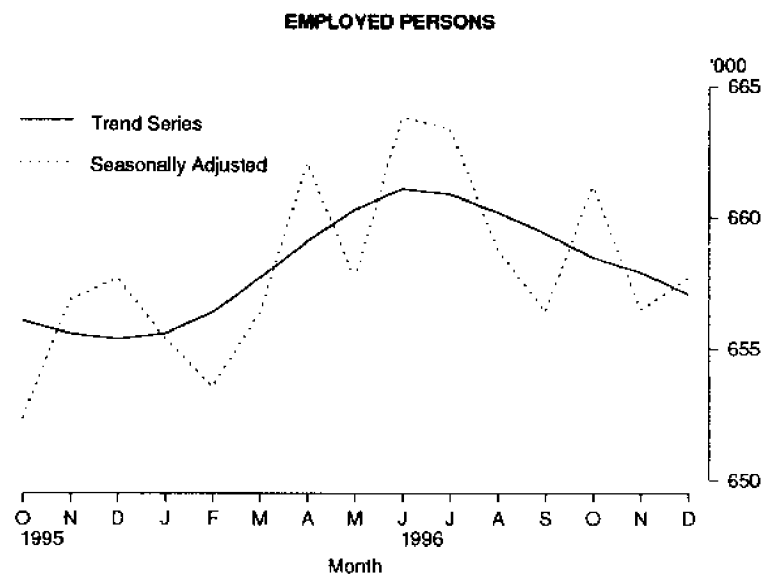
### Population

At 30 June 1996 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,479,147. This was an increase of 0.1% (1,417) persons from the March quarter. The continuing low growth rate for South Australia is attributable to a net outflow in interstate migration of 1,093 persons which was partly offset by a net inflow of overseas migration of 697 persons. In the June quarter there was a natural increase of 1,813 persons.

### Employment

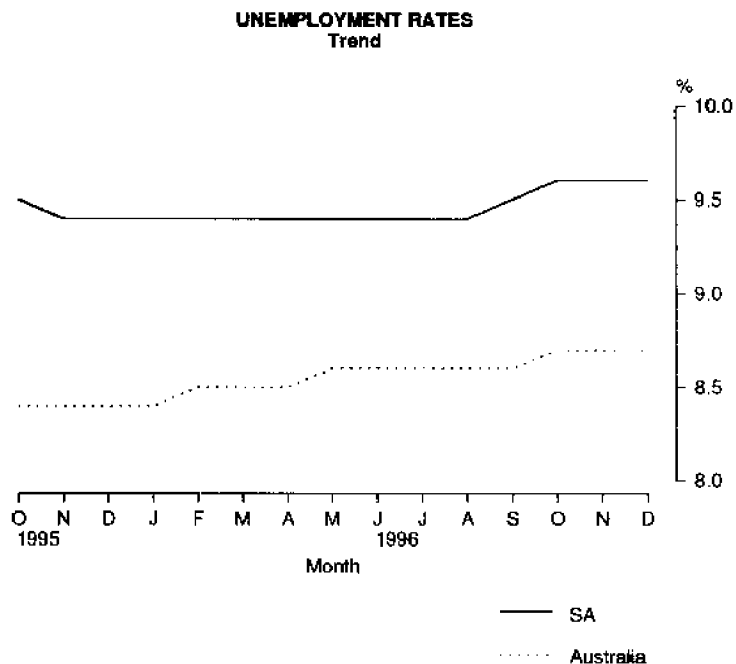
The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has decreased in each of the last six months of 1996, reaching 657,100 in December, this reverses the continuous growth evident in the first half of 1996.

The trend estimate of employed persons in Australia has increased for eight consecutive months, reaching 8,395,700 in December 1996.



### Unemployment

After remaining flat in the ten months to August 1996, the trend unemployment rate for South Australia has increased to 9.6% in the last quarter of 1996.



The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for Australia has risen to 8.7% in the last quarter of 1996 after remaining flat in the five months to September 1996.

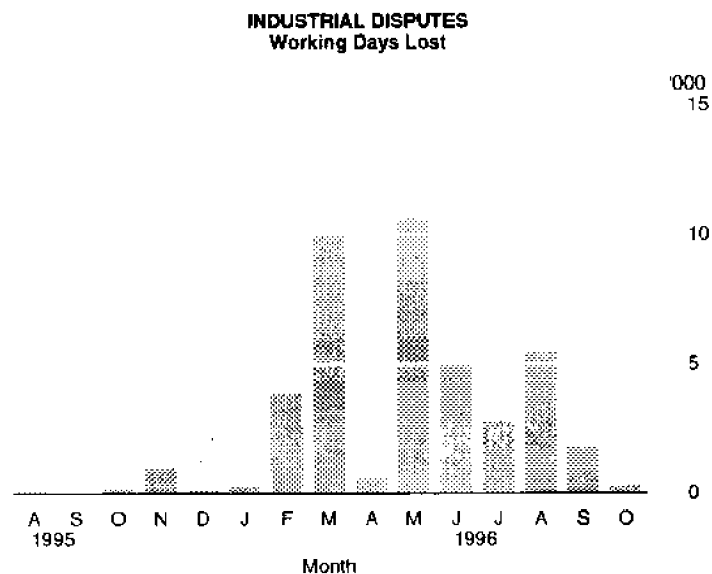
#### Overtime

In original terms, the proportion of employees who worked overtime in South Australia in November 1996 was 15.0%. This was higher than the November 1995 level of 14.3%. For Australia, the corresponding proportions were 15.9% and 16.6% for November 1996 and November 1995 respectively.

In November 1996, employees who worked overtime in South Australia recorded an average of 6.4 overtime hours per week. This was lower than the corresponding national level of 7.2 hours.

#### Industrial Disputes

There were 300 working days lost through industrial disputes in South Australia during October 1996. At 0.7% of the national total (40,300 working days lost), South Australia experienced a relatively low level of industrial disputation.



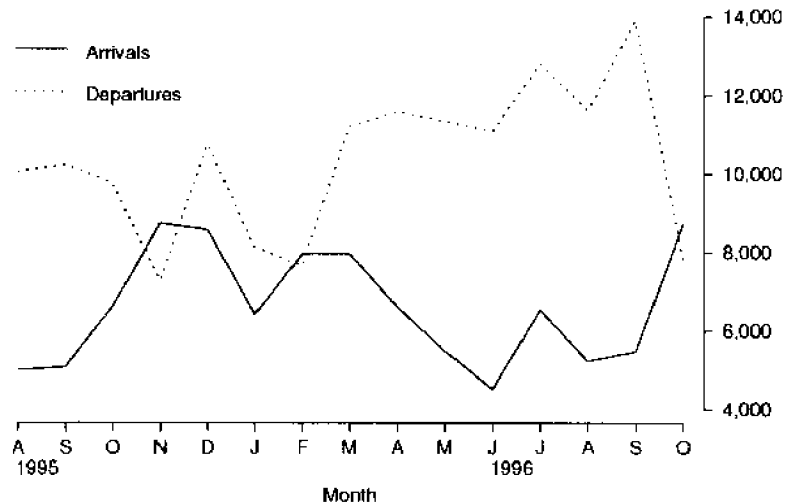
#### Short term Overseas Visitor Arrivals

There were 8,750 arrivals of overseas visitors who came to South Australia for less than 12 months in the month of October 1996. This was an increase of nearly one-third (31.7%) over the number of arrivals for the same month in the previous year, and of nearly two-thirds (59.6%) over the September total. The number of short term overseas visitor arrivals for Australia rose by only 9.3% over the 12 month period. This resulted in South Australia's share of short term overseas visitors being 2.5% of the total national figure, whereas in October 1995 it only had 2.1% of the market.

#### Short term Resident Departures

During October 1996, there were 7,829 departures of residents for short terms only (less than one year). This was a fall of 43.7% over the number of departures in September. At the same time, the number of short term resident departures for the whole of Australia rose by 14.5%. The South Australian proportion of the Australian total was 2.4%.

## SHORT TERM OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES



## Incomes

### Average Weekly Earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult employees in South Australia increased by 0.7% in August 1996. Male full-time ordinary time earnings rose by 0.7% in August 1996. Over the same period, the increase for females was 0.6%.

Between May 1996 and August 1996, the trend estimate of average weekly total earnings of all employees in South Australia increased from \$528.00 to \$532.00.

Note: Since it is an average of earnings across all employees, changes in average weekly earnings may occur through changes in employment as well as changes in pay levels.

### Award Rates of Pay

In the 12 months to October 1996, the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time employees in South Australia increased by 1.4%. This compares with an increase in the index of 1.2% for Australia.

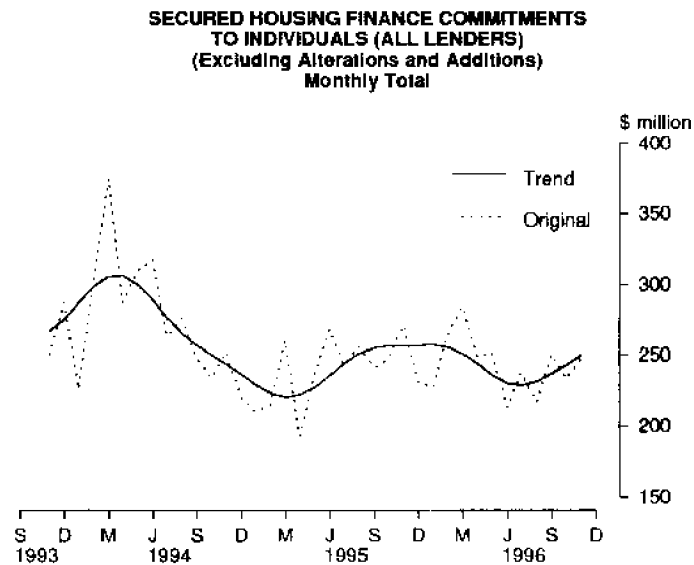
For full-time adult male employees in South Australia, the largest annual movement of the index occurred in the manufacturing industry division, with an increase of 1.9%.

For full-time adult female employees, the largest annual movement of the index occurred in the public administration and defence industry division, with an increase of 3.0%.

## Financial Markets

### Housing Finance

The upward climb of the trend estimate for the value of owner-occupied housing commitments continued with November rising 2.9% to \$250.2 million, 2.4% below November 1995. The national trend increased 0.8% for the month, 10.8% above the previous November.



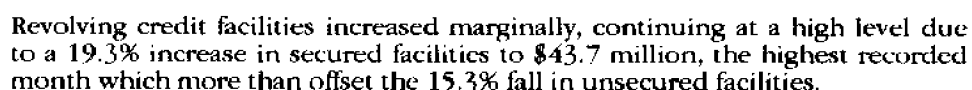
Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) increased 6.0% in November to \$262.4 million, 10.9% below November 1995. The bulk of this increase was due to the 7.5% (\$11.6 million) rise in commitments for the purchase of established dwellings which reached \$165.8 million, only marginally below the previous November. The other major increase was for commitments for newly erected dwellings, particularly dwellings other than houses which recovered after eleven low months.

Construction of dwellings decreased marginally to \$27.0 million, 15.4% below the previous November. Refinancing and alterations and additions remained at the lower levels recorded in the previous month, significantly below the corresponding months of the previous year. This followed the pattern of the national figures.

### Personal Finance

Total commitments for November fell 7.0% to \$190.9 million following the high total for October, but remained marginally above the previous November. The national decrease for the month was 10.9%, 3.7% below November 1995. South Australian commitments increased marginally to 7.1% of the national total.

Fixed loan commitments decreased 11.8% to \$108.5 million, 11.2% below November 1995. The main falls were for refinancing, used motor vehicles and debt consolidation. Refinancing was down 27.8% to \$14.1 million, the lowest month since early 1994 and 38.4% below the previous November. Used motor vehicles dropped by 11.4% to \$35.5 million after a relatively high October but has risen to 8.9% of the national total.

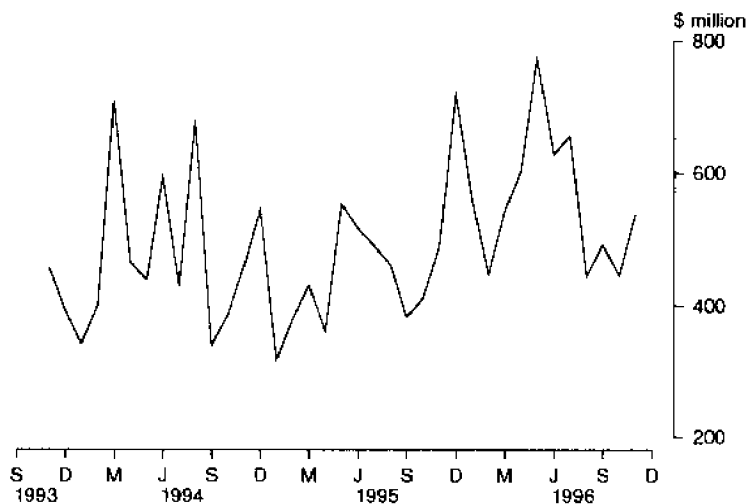


Total commercial finance commitments increased 20.9% to \$539.1 million, 10.4% above November 1995. This continued the pattern of the past year, with every month except August significantly above the corresponding month of the previous year. South Australia's proportion of the national total rose to 4.6%.

Commitments under fixed loan facilities increased 38.6% to \$378.9 million during November, 24.8% above November 1995. The main increases were for transport and storage, up \$62.6 million and property and business services up \$48.7 million. Manufacturing increased \$15.8 million after a low October.

Revolving credit facilities decreased 7.1% to \$160.2 million, 13.2% below November 1995. The main decreases were for manufacturing down \$32.1 million and property and business services down \$14.2 million. Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting increased \$47.1 million after four relatively low months.

**COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS**  
Monthly Total



**Lease Finance**

The value of goods under new finance lease commitments increased 14.2% to \$17.4 million, 17.0% below the previous November. The South Australian proportion of the national total increased to 3.1%.

The main increases were for new heavy trucks (up \$0.8 million), electronic data processing equipment (up \$0.7 million) and other (up \$1.5 million). New motor cars and station wagons not subject to depreciation (the largest category) increased 9.8% (\$0.4 million) to \$4.6 million, which represented 3.0% of the Australian total and was 4.0% below November 1995. Those subject to depreciation increased by \$0.2 million but remained at the very low level of the previous two months.

The main fall was for office machines, down \$1.3 million to \$0.5 million, the lowest month since June 1992.

## Forward Outlook

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**Composite Leading Indicator**

The Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) is a single time series produced by aggregating eight individual economic indicators, and has been developed by the ABS as an experimental series to supplement existing forms of economic analysis and modelling.

The CLI summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators and is designed to assist the detection of turning points between successive expansions and slow downs of economic activity as measured by constant price GDP(A). It does not attempt to forecast the level of economic activity.

In the September quarter 1996 :

- the experimental CLI rose 0.18%, following a 0.31% rise in the June quarter 1996.
- The CLI is showing a trough at the September quarter 1995 followed by strong growth.

The quarterly data are released in more detail in the *Australian Economic Indicators* (1350.0). The CLI was the topic of the Focus article in the September 1993 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (1307.4).

**Australian Business Expectations**

Surveys of business expectations have been available to decision makers for a number of years from several sources. These surveys provided *qualitative* indicators in the form of the net proportion of businesses expecting a rise or fall in future business conditions. Since the December quarter 1993, the ABS has been compiling a *quantitative* indicator of business expectations in the form of an expected weighted aggregate change in a range of economic variables. These data are available on a quarterly basis in *Australian Business Expectations* (5250.0).

**AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND AUSTRALIA  
SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES  
EXPECTED PERCENTAGE AGGREGATE CHANGE**

<i>Reference Period</i>	<i>Short term</i>		<i>Medium term</i>	
	Expected aggregate change between		Expected aggregate change between	
	Sep. 1996 and Dec. 1996	Dec. 1996 and Mar. 1997	Dec. 1996 and Dec. 1997	Mar. 1996 and Mar. 1997
	%	%	%	%
South Australia	2.1	-0.1	4.3	3.6
Australia	1.6	0.4	3.1	4.1

***Short term***

Businesses in South Australia expect a decrease of 0.1% in sales of goods and services in the March quarter 1997 compared with the December quarter while the national expectation was a 0.4% increase.

***Medium term***

Businesses in South Australia expect sales of goods and services in the December quarter 1997 to be 4.3% above December quarter 1996. Australia wide the expectation was for 3.1% growth.



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# STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Indicator		Period	SOUTH AUSTRALIA			AUSTRALIA			SA as a % of Australia
			No.	% change from		No.	% change from		
				Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year	
State Accounts									
Gross domestic product (I)									
Current prices	\$m	Sep. 95 qtr	8,458	-2.2	3.0	123,107	0.6	5.5	6.9
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Sep. 95 qtr	7,550	0.0	2.0	110,058	0.5	3.8	6.9
Wages, salaries and supplements									
Current prices trend	\$m	Sep. 95 qtr	4,420	0.7	3.7	62,388	1.6	6.4	7.1
Private final consumption expenditure									
Current prices	\$m	Sep. 95 qtr	5,816	1.6	2.2	77,875	1.9	4.6	7.5
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Sep. 95 qtr	4,964	0.3	1.4	66,535	0.5	3.5	7.5
Private gross fixed capital expenditure									
1989-90 prices trend	\$m	Sep. 95 qtr	1,014	7.3	14.8	19,619	2.9	8.8	5.2
International Accounts									
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m	Nov. 96	436.1	2.2	37.6	6,069.4	-5.4	6.7	7.2
Imports	\$m	Nov. 96	267.0	-5.8	9.8	6,578.7	-9.9	-2.3	4.1
Consumption and Investment									
Retail Turnover									
Current prices original	\$m	Nov. 96	787.5	2.2	-3.3	10,610.9	2.0	1.9	7.4
Current prices trend	\$m	Nov. 96	751.9	-0.9	-2.2	10,194.3	-0.2	1.9	7.4
1989-90 prices original	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	1,853.0	-1.3	-1.8	24,992.0	0.4	2.0	7.4
New motor vehicle registrations									
Original	No.	Nov. 96	3,512	4.4	-6.4	54,425	-2.4	4.8	6.5
Trend	No.	Nov. 96	3,286	-0.8	-7.2	53,356	-0.2	3.6	6.2
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities									
	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	37.6	-4.0	1.3	897.1	7.3	5.3	4.2
Private new capital expenditure									
Current prices original	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	587	13.1	62.6	10,161	-9.7	17.6	5.8
Current prices trend	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	602	13.4	39.0	10,816	4.1	21.1	5.6
Private new capital expenditure									
	\$m	1995-96	1,804	..	-14.3	38,504	..	12.2	4.7
Expected private new capital expenditure									
	\$m	1996-97	1,491	..	..	42,912	..	..	3.5
Production									
Dwelling unit approvals									
Original	No.	Nov. 96	488	-13.8	-7.4	11,205	-5.2	1.3	4.4
Trend	No.	Nov. 96	532	2.3	3.1	10,822	1.1	6.2	4.9
New dwelling units commenced									
	No.	Sep. qtr 96	1,328	1.5	-25.0	29,907	-3.5	-12.6	4.4
Value of non-residential building approvals									
	\$m	Nov. 96	39.7	39.3	19.9	1,709.0	23.4	92.1	2.3
Value of total building activity									
Commenced	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	238.4	-41.0	-14.9	6,556.6	-2.0	1.1	3.6
Work done	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	283.2	-8.2	-5.5	6,898.2	3.9	-4.9	4.1
Work yet to be done	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	400.1	-5.5	18.5	9,530.6	2.1	4.4	4.2
Value of engineering construction work done									
	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	139.1	-38.5	0.6	3,719.3	-9.8	13.3	3.7
Manufacturing production									
Electricity (SA and NT)	mill. kWh	Nov. 96	693	-1.3	4.0	13,460	-2.0	1.1	5.1
Cheese	tonnes	Sep. 96	5,163	61.8	84.1	28,873	64.5	6.1	17.9
Red meat	tonnes	Nov. 96	20,617	11.6	-12.7	217,889	-3.2	-9.4	9.5
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum)									
	\$m	Sep. qtr 96	5.4	-20.6	-3.6	274.2	-3.8	20.7	2.0

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<b>Prices</b>									
CPI - All groups	1989-90=100	Sep. qtr 96	122.2	0.2	1.7	120.1	0.3	2.1	..
Price index of materials used in house building	1989-90=100	Nov. 96	120.4	0.1	2.1	115.8	0.1	0.2	..
Price index of materials used in building other than houses	1989-90=100	Nov. 96	114.1	0.3	1.5	112.7	-0.1	0.0	..
Price index of established houses	1989-90=100	Sep. qtr 96	107.8	-0.1	-2.0	114.0	0.4	1.2	..
Price index of project homes	1989-90=100	Sep. qtr 96	111.3	-0.7	-1.7	109.4	-0.2	-0.2	..
<b>Labour Force and Demography</b>									
Population (resident at end qtr)	'000	Jun. qtr 96	1,479.1	0.1	0.4	18,286.3	0.3	1.3	8.1
Labour force									
Original	'000	Dec. 96	737.1	1.9	0.6	9,302.2	1.9	1.3	7.9
Trend	'000	Dec. 96	727.1	-0.1	0.6	9,191.8	0.1	1.2	7.9
Employed persons									
Original	'000	Dec. 96	666.5	1.4	0.0	8,496.5	1.2	0.8	7.8
Trend	'000	Dec. 96	657.1	-0.1	0.3	8,395.7	0.1	1.0	7.8
Participation rate									
Original (a)	%	Dec. 96	62.5	1.8	0.0	64.3	1.1	-0.2	..
Trend (a)	%	Dec. 96	61.6	-0.2	-0.2	63.6	0.0	-0.2	..
Unemployment rate									
Original (a)	%	Dec. 96	9.6	4.3	5.5	8.7	0.6	0.5	..
Trend (a)	%	Dec. 96	9.6	0.0	2.1	8.7	0.0	0.3	..
Job vacancies	'000	Nov. 96	2.6	-48.0	73.3	62.3	-1.9	11.1	4.2
Average weekly overtime per employee working overtime	hours	Nov. 96	6.4	-4.0	-3.2	7.2	5.3	3.3	..
Industrial disputes	'000 working days lost	Oct. 96	0.3	-83.3	50.0	40.3	18.5	-49.4	0.7
Short-term overseas visitors arrivals	No.	Oct. 96	8,750	59.6	31.7	350,363	13.3	9.3	2.5
Short-term resident departures	No.	Oct. 96	7,829	-43.7	-19.9	322,409	14.5	66.2	2.4
<b>Incomes</b>									
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)									
Original	\$	Aug. 96	632.40	-0.2	3.0	676.40	0.6	3.8	..
Trend	\$	Aug. 96	636.00	0.7	3.5	677.90	1.0	3.7	..
Award rates of pay index (full-time adults, weekly)	Jun.1985=100	Oct. 96	149.4	0.1	1.4	146.7	0.1	1.2	..
<b>Financial markets</b>									
Secured housing finance	\$m	Nov. 96	262.4	6.0	-10.9	4,206.6	-3.7	-90.0	6.2
Finance commitments									
Personal	\$m	Nov. 96	190.9	-7.0	2.6	2,686.8	-10.9	-3.7	7.1
Commercial	\$m	Nov. 96	539.1	20.9	10.4	11,638.9	0.7	11.8	4.6
Lease	\$m	Nov. 96	17.4	14.2	-17.0	558.9	-5.4	-6.7	3.1
Interest rates									
Banks new housing loans (a)	%	Dec. 96	..	..	..	8.25	-0.5	-2.3	..
Banks business loans (a)									
small, medium sized business	%	Dec. 96	..	..	..	10.25	-0.5	-0.8	..
large business	%	Dec. 96	..	..	..	9.55	-0.5	-1.7	..

(a) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

# FOCUS

## Government Finance Statistics: An Overview

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### Introduction

The presentation of Government Finance Statistics (GFS) used by the ABS is based on international standards, the *International Monetary Fund's Manual on Government Finance Statistics* and the United Nations' *A System of National Accounts* (SNA).

GFS is designed to present a consolidated picture of the financial transactions of all public sector entities. Excluded from GFS are the operations of Government-owned and controlled financial enterprises.

In this article a number of interstate comparisons have been made. Although data is comparable in terms of concepts and definitions used, inconsistencies may still remain reflecting differences in:

- the division of responsibilities between the State public sector, the local government sector and the private sector;
- access to revenue sources such as mining royalties;
- the size and performance of State economies;
- the level of Commonwealth financial assistance to each State.

### Public Sector Indebtedness

Debt finance is an important source of funding for publicly provided capital assets and infrastructure. The size of the State's debt is important because of its impact on the State's budget in terms of the associated interest and debt servicing costs.

Debt is defined as those liabilities which carry a contractual obligation to service or repay principal (including financial leases) and broadly comprise South Australian Government borrowings (both domestic and offshore), advances received from the Commonwealth, and deposits held from other sectors.

By convention, debt is generally recorded on a net basis ie after deducting from the gross debt cash and income-generating financial assets.

The net debt of the South Australian public sector at 30 June 1996 was \$7 753 million. This was made up of gross debt of \$12 327 million, offset by financial assets of \$4 574 million in the form of loans, bank deposits, short term investments such as bank bills, and bonds of the Commonwealth and State Governments.

South Australia's net debt is the third highest of all the States/Territories both in per capita terms and as a percentage of Gross State Product (GSP). In the early 1990s South Australia's net debt per capita moved from fifth highest to third highest due to financial support (approximately \$2.5 billion)

required for the State-owned financial institutions, mainly the State Bank and SGIC. The required financial support was financed mainly by net borrowings.

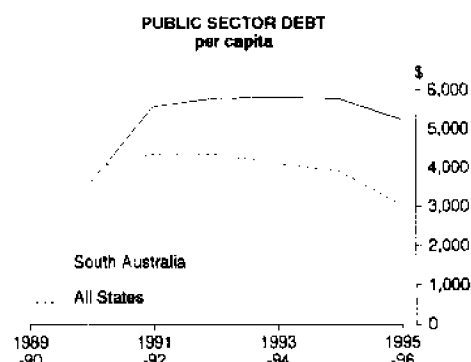
### STATE PUBLIC SECTOR DEBT

At 30 June 1996

State/Territory	Net debt (\$ million)	Net debt- per capita (Dollars)	% of GSP (Per cent)	Unfunded employee entitlements (\$ million)
New South Wales	18 582	3 002	12	19 144
Victoria	20 617	4 540	16	17 515
Queensland (a)	-2 456	-732	-3	8 423
South Australia	7 753	5 241	22	5 341
Western Australia	6 323	3 587	12	5 648
Tasmania	3 283	6 935	32	1 803
Northern Territory	1 351	7 603	26	1 049
ACT	214	696	2	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>55 600</b>	<b>3 040</b>		<b>59 937</b>

(a) Includes funds set aside internally within the public accounts to fund superannuation liabilities.

After peaking at 28.4% of GSP at 30 June 1992, there has been a steady decline in the ratio to 22.0% at 30 June 1996 reflecting debt repayment from the proceeds of asset sales.



The large reduction in public sector debt/per capita for the all States category in 1995-96 is primarily due to a fall in Victorian government debt following the sale of government electricity undertakings. Interstate comparisons of net debt and unfunded employee entitlements can be affected by differing budgetary and financing arrangements. Also a number of the larger States are moving more to private sector involvement in the provision of infrastructure.

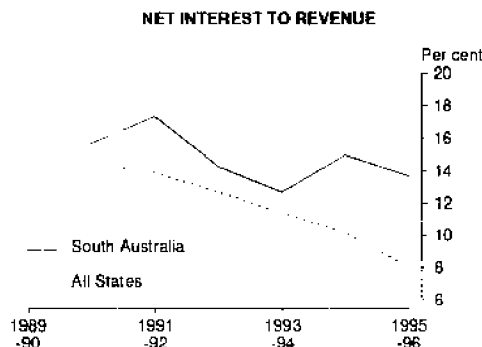
Debt is only part of a State's overall liabilities as it does not include large accruing liabilities such as unfunded superannuation and other employee

entitlements. At 30 June 1996, these liabilities are estimated to be \$5 341 million or \$3 614 per capita. By comparison, total Commonwealth and State/Territories unfunded employee entitlements are estimated to be \$129 380 million or \$7 094 per capita.

The ability to service any level of debt can be assessed by comparing the cost of servicing that debt to the revenue available to meet those costs.

The convention in government finance statistics is to record interest flows on a gross rather than a net basis. However, there are occasions when use of a net figure may be more appropriate, especially where different administrative or funding arrangements between governments hinder comparison of results.

The following graph shows net interest payments as a proportion of total revenue. Net interest paid to revenue increased significantly from 1990-91 to its peak of 17.4% in 1991-92. Since 1991-92, the ratio has fallen to a level between 13-15%.



### Deficit Measures

In GFS, the focus is on outlays and revenues and the methods used to finance any shortfall (deficit) between the two.

The financial performance of the public sector is measured, in part, by its 'bottom line', ie its deficit/surplus result on total operations.

Management of debt levels and in particular government deficits is a primary focus of public sector reform in Australia because deficits in the main:

- . add to the stock of government debt;
- . increase debt servicing costs;
- . reduce flexibility in program management
- . constrain ability for new initiatives; and
- . constrain ability to reduce taxes and charges.

Projections of Commonwealth and State deficits and net debt for 3 forward years (medium-term fiscal outlook) are prepared and published in the *National Fiscal Outlook* by a working party of Commonwealth and State Treasuries.

A number of different 'bottom line measures' could be used to assist in the analysis of GFS although the main measure currently used is the cash based deficit which is defined as:

	Current outlays
<i>plus</i>	Capital outlays
<i>less</i>	Revenue and grants
<i>less</i>	Provisions
<b>=</b>	<b>Deficit</b>

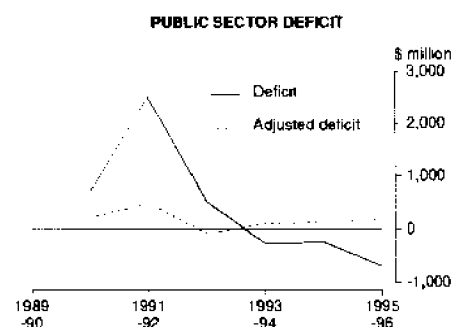
However, this measure suffers from a number of serious disadvantages when used to compare States because it is seriously distorted by events such as asset sales. Because asset and equity sales are classified as offsets to capital outlays, these receipts are shown as a reduction in the deficit rather than as a means of financing the deficit. This means a government may achieve a balanced budget result simply by selling off its productive enterprises.

Net proceeds from the sale of major South Australian government businesses in recent years include:

1993-94	SAGASCO (\$417 million)
1994-95	Pipelines Authority (\$291 million)
	Enterprise Investments (\$16 million)
1995-96	BankSA (\$797 million)
	SGIC (\$96 million)
	FleetSA (\$48 million)
	SAHT - shopping centre (\$27 million)

Source: Treasurer's Financial Statements and Budget Papers

A measure used by the ABS which excludes the effect of asset sales is the deficit adjusted for net advances (ie excludes net injections/acquisitions or sales of equity as well as other lending for policy purposes). This deficit measure can be used to provide an indicator of the 'structural' deficit.



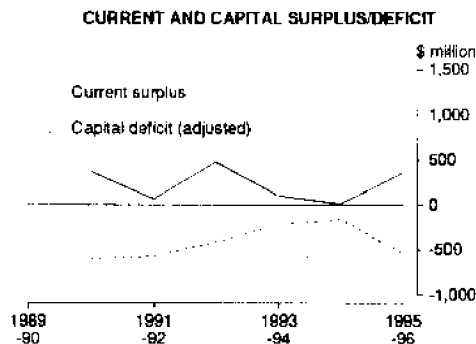
The South Australian public sector has consistently been in deficit (after adjustment for asset sales). The level of the deficit may vary from year to year because of changes in Government policy, abnormal receipts or payments eg targeted separation packages, changes in arrangements for funding accruing superannuation liabilities, and the volatile nature of stock holdings of the Australian Barley Board.

The adjusted deficit for 1995-96 was \$185 million, a slight increase on 1994-95 but considerably below the \$492 million deficit recorded in 1991-92. South Australia and the ACT were the only States/Territories to record an adjusted deficit in 1995-96.

The \$50 million increase in the adjusted deficit for 1995-96 was mainly due to a significant increase in barley stocks (\$331 million). Offsetting this movement were increased taxation revenue (\$155 million) and falls in final consumption expenditure (\$53 million), net interest payments (\$67 million) and gross fixed capital expenditure (\$62 million).

### Current and Capital Deficits

The deficit can be further dissected into the current deficit and the capital deficit. The current deficit measures the difference between recurrent revenues eg taxation, Commonwealth grants etc and current outlays. The capital deficit is a measure of the extent to which expenditure on fixed assets and capital transfers exceed capital receipts. The capital deficit can be financed by recurrent surpluses, borrowing or a combination of both.



The South Australian public sector recorded a surplus of \$357 million on current operations (due mainly to the public trading enterprises sector), but experienced a further increase in the capital deficit for 1995-96. Contributing to the deterioration in the capital deficit were the phasing out of special capital compensation grants from the Commonwealth in relation to the sale of the State Bank and changes in barley stocks.

### Outlays

Outlays measure the economic activity of government and may be classified as either current or capital. Current outlays include the day-to-day running costs incurred in providing government services eg wages and salaries and purchases of goods and services, as well as transfer payments such as interest, subsidies and grants to other sectors of the economy.

Capital outlays include expenditure on fixed assets such as houses, buildings, plant and equipment and infrastructure. It also includes transfer payments to

other sectors in the way of capital grants and advances.

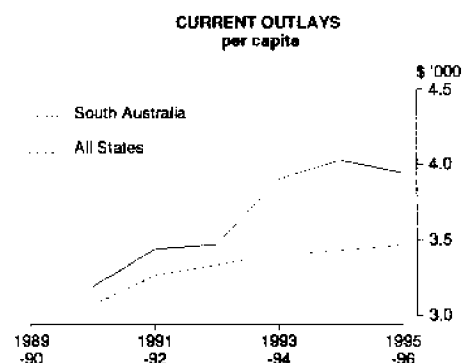
### STATE PUBLIC SECTOR OUTLAYS (\$ million)

Item	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
<b>Current outlays:</b>			
Final consumption expenditure	4,070	4,122	4,069
Interest payments (net)	758	906	839
Subsidies paid to PTEs	285	277	255
Other	612	618	654
<b>Total current outlays</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>5,923</b>	<b>5,817</b>
<b>Capital outlays:</b>			
Capital expenditure on-			
New fixed assets	889	855	915
Second-hand assets	-215	-204	-326
Land and intangibles	-12	11	6
Capital grants to other sectors	41	62	40
Other capital outlays	-87	-180	151
<b>Total capital outlays (excluding advances)</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>786</b>
<b>Total outlays (excluding advances)</b>	<b>6,343</b>	<b>6,467</b>	<b>6,603</b>
Advances paid (net)	-369	-374	-883

The net cost of service provision (final consumption expenditure) is the most important component of current outlays and for 1995-96 represented 70% of current outlays. Interest payments are the second most important component. Net interest payments rose 76% between 1988-89 and 1991-92 and have remained at high levels since. However, net interest payments in 1995-96 only required 40% of the State's tax revenues to service compared with 55% in 1991-92. Interest payments during any period are a factor of average level of debt during the period and average interest rates.

Public sector current outlays in 1995-96 were 16.5% of GSP whereas capital outlays (excluding advances) represented 2.2% of GSP. Since 1990-91, current outlays as a proportion of GSP have remained fairly constant in the range 16-18% with the highest proportion (17.9%) occurring in 1993-94 and 1994-95.

South Australian current outlays (per capita) have increased at a faster rate than for all States combined in the 5-year period 1990-91 to 1995-96.



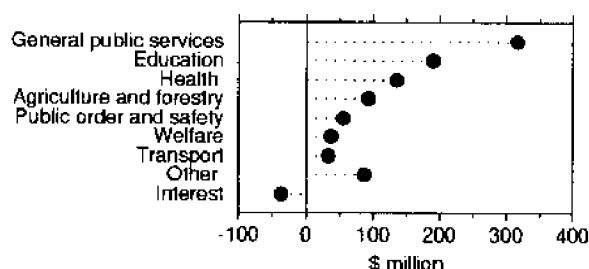
The main contributor to this growth has been net interest which rose \$75 per capita over this period compared with a decrease of \$161 per capita for all States combined. South Australia also experienced slightly higher growth in final consumption expenditure over this period. Final consumption expenditure for South Australia was \$2,758 per capita in 1995-96 compared to \$2,485 for all States combined. However, South Australian capital outlays have grown at rates below all other states combined.

### Outlays by Purpose

The purposes served by government expenditure programs are summarised in the following table.

Expenditure on health and education are the two largest government programs accounting for 47.1% of total outlays (excluding advances paid and asset sales). Net interest payments account for a further 14.4%.

**CHANGES IN OUTLAYS BY FUNCTION**  
1991-92 to 1995-96

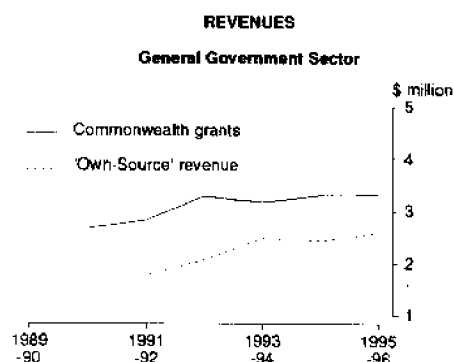


Since 1991-92, the largest growth has been for the function General Public Services which has increased by \$317 million (128.1 %) due mainly to revised superannuation arrangements and the funding of past service superannuation liabilities.

### Revenues

Revenue is the primary means of funding government outlays, with any shortfall funded through borrowings or a rundown of financial assets.

Grants from the Commonwealth government represent the single most important source of revenue in South Australia. In 1995-96 these grants represented 56.2% of the State's general government sector revenue.



Taxation represents the most important category of 'own-source' revenues. South Australia has the third

lowest level of taxes, fees and fines of all the States. South Australia's taxation revenue has grown at approximately the same rate (44%) as all the other States over the period 1990-91 to 1995-96.

Other important sources of revenue to the government are user charges (shown as an offset to current expenditure in GFS to derive final consumption expenditure), royalties, and income from government owned financial enterprises.

The Commonwealth Grants Commission assesses the revenue raising capacity of each state. This is done for each category of tax e. g. payroll tax and for the state in aggregate. The resulting ratios are calculated against a national benchmark of 100. For 1994-95 the taxing capacity of South Australia has been calculated at 86.8% ie revenue raising capacity is almost 13% below the the national average taking into account factors such as the demographics of the state, spending patterns and the structure of the economy. However, in revenue raising effort South Australia at 96.2% is almost 4% below the national average as shown in the table below.

Allowing for their limitations these Grants Commission data are generally consistent with and reflective of the South Australian Governments effort to minimise the taxation burden on businesses.

**STATE TAXATION REVENUE**  
(\$ million)

Item	1994-95 \$m	1995-96 \$m	Capacity and tax ratios (a):	
			Tax capacity %	Tax effort %
Payroll tax	422	476	89	89
Taxes on property:				
Land taxes	78	77	53	122
Stamp duties:				
Conveyances	187	174	76	105
Shares	5	14	11	100
Financial institutions' taxes	132	135	87	101
Gambling taxes	187	232	91	77
Taxes on insurance	133	139	80	126
Motor vehicle taxes:				
Vehicle registration	137	142	108	87
Drivers' licences	14	14	101	63
Stamp duties on vehicle registration	86	88	85	126
Business franchise taxes:				
Petroleum products	147	155	100	126
Tobacco	185	212	91	119
Liquor	42	46	101	75
Other taxes nec	119	120	n.a.	n.a.
Fees and fines	71	76	n.a.	n.a.
Total	1,945	2,100	87	96

(a) Source: Commonwealth Grants Commission. The ratios apply to 1994-95 taxation revenue.

## Operations of Public Trading Enterprises

Government-owned businesses referred to as public trading enterprises (PTE'S) are significant contributors to economic activity. At 30 June 1996, there were 21 PTEs owned and operated by the South Australian Government.

Public trading enterprises are mainly engaged in the production of goods and services with the aim of recovering a significant proportion of costs through user charges. The activities undertaken are diverse and include electricity generation and distribution, water supply, lotteries, urban public transport, public housing and the operation of ports.

Comparisons of the operations of the PTE sector over time (and between States) is made difficult because of the sale of government businesses, outsourcing and the timing of reform programs etc.

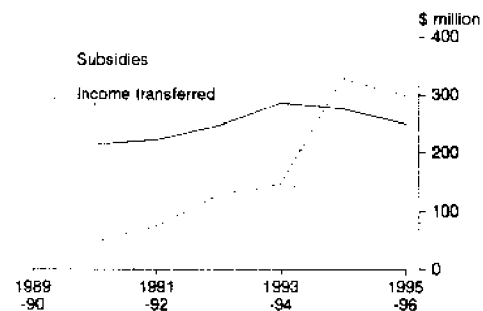
A summary of the financial performance of South Australian PTE'S is shown in the following table.

**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF PUBLIC TRADING ENTERPRISES**  
\$ million

Particulars	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Operating revenue	2,770	2,959	3,010
Operating expenditure	2,616	2,640	2,735
Trading surplus	154	319	275
Subsidies	285	276	250
Other revenue	74	67	48
Earnings before interest and tax	513	662	573
Interest paid	319	309	292
Net profit before tax	194	353	281
less transfer payments	162	345	315
Retained earnings	32	8	-26

Subsidies paid to public trading enterprises have fallen in the past three years. The most significant subsidy payments relate to the provision of public transport services and public housing (90 per cent of total subsidies in 1995-96). Subsidies in recent years also include targeted separation packages (TSPs) paid by the State Government to PTE'S.

**SUBSIDIES AND INCOME TRANSFERRED**



There has been a significant increase in the level of income transferred by PTE'S to the State government. The most significant contribution has been from the Electricity Trust of South Australia and in recent years contributions from SA Water Corporation. Income transferred in 1995-96 includes for the first time tax equivalent regime (TER) payments, ie equivalent Commonwealth income and wholesale sales taxes, in accordance with the Commonwealth-State agreements relating to the tax treatment of public trading enterprises.

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## STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES

### South Australia

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (I)	Wages, salaries and supplements
	Private	Public	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$ million)							
1986-87	12,470	4,203	3,255	1,287	21,215	20,609	10,602
1987-88	13,748	4,392	3,964	1,196	23,300	22,828	11,230
1988-89	15,248	4,649	4,151	1,429	25,477	25,526	12,546
1989-90	16,474	5,003	4,488	1,577	27,542	27,969	13,954
1990-91	18,122	5,477	4,234	1,529	29,362	28,429	14,746
1991-92	18,958	5,812	4,021	1,429	30,220	28,719	14,718
1992-93	19,486	5,983	3,966	1,354	30,789	30,149	15,283
1993-94	20,438	6,687	3,929	1,186	32,240	31,951	16,258
1994-95	21,744	6,780	4,818	1,219	34,561	33,052	16,461
1995-96	23,060	6,600	3,904	1,203	34,767	35,149	17,288
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1987-88	10.2	4.5	21.8	-7.1	9.8	10.8	5.9
1988-89	10.9	5.9	4.7	19.5	9.3	11.8	11.7
1989-90	8.0	7.6	8.1	10.4	8.1	9.6	11.2
1990-91	10.0	9.5	-5.7	-3.0	6.6	1.6	5.7
1991-92	4.6	6.1	-5.0	-6.5	2.9	1.0	-0.2
1992-93	2.8	2.9	-1.4	-5.2	1.9	5.0	3.8
1993-94	4.9	11.8	-0.9	-12.4	4.7	6.0	6.4
1994-95	6.4	1.4	22.6	2.8	7.2	3.4	1.2
1995-96	6.1	-2.7	-19.0	-1.3	0.6	6.3	5.0
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)							
1993 - 94 -							
March	4,964	1,505	927	254	7,650	7,785	3,919
June	5,073	1,926	1,006	387	8,392	7,992	4,194
1994 - 95 -							
September	5,296	1,655	1,125	243	8,319	8,102	4,115
December	5,660	1,700	1,529	292	9,181	8,720	4,073
March	5,277	1,559	1,052	319	8,207	7,992	4,050
June	5,511	1,866	1,112	365	8,854	8,238	4,223
1995 - 96 -							
September	5,693	1,653	892	224	8,462	8,208	4,197
December	6,093	1,635	1,122	262	9,112	8,894	4,454
March	5,548	1,515	886	292	8,241	8,401	4,233
June	5,726	1,797	1,004	425	8,952	8,646	4,404
1996 - 97 -							
September	5,816	1,624	1,076	228	8,744	8,458	4,398
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)							
1993 - 94 -							
March	5,146	1,678	958	294	8,076	8,032	4,075
June	5,201	1,695	1,046	289	8,231	8,138	4,102
1994 - 95 -							
September	5,273	1,714	1,190	298	8,475	8,191	4,087
December	5,372	1,712	1,270	315	8,669	8,203	4,077
March	5,490	1,695	1,206	315	8,706	8,260	4,116
June	5,611	1,681	1,068	293	8,653	8,405	4,189
1995 - 96 -							
September	5,702	1,674	987	276	8,639	8,610	4,261
December	5,753	1,664	971	292	8,680	8,776	4,307
March	5,780	1,652	982	314	8,728	8,844	4,352
June	5,806	1,643	1,016	312	8,777	8,840	4,388
1996 - 97 -							
September	5,830	1,643	1,056	297	8,826	8,816	4,420
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND							
1993 - 94 -							
June	1.1	1.0	9.2	-1.7	1.9	1.3	0.7
1994 - 95 -							
September	1.4	1.1	13.8	3.1	3.0	0.7	-0.4
December	1.9	-0.1	6.7	5.7	2.3	0.1	-0.2
March	2.2	-1.0	-5.0	0.0	0.4	0.7	1.0
June	2.2	-0.8	-11.4	-7.0	-0.6	1.8	1.8
1995 - 96 -							
September	1.6	-0.4	-7.6	-5.8	-0.2	2.4	1.7
December	0.9	-0.6	-1.6	5.8	0.5	1.9	1.1
March	0.5	-0.7	1.1	7.5	0.6	0.8	1.0
June	0.4	-0.5	3.5	-0.6	0.6	0.0	0.8
1996 - 97 -							
September	0.4	0.0	3.9	-4.8	0.6	-0.3	0.7

**STATE ACCOUNTS AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES**  
**South Australia**

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital expenditure		State final demand	Gross State product (I)
	Private	Public	Private	Public		
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1986-87	14,958	4,850	3,621	1,442	24,871	25,260
1987-88	15,451	4,877	4,247	1,304	25,959	25,959
1988-89	16,084	4,879	4,279	1,500	26,742	26,720
1989-90	16,474	5,003	4,488	1,577	27,542	27,969
1990-91	17,169	5,210	4,093	1,480	27,592	27,697
1991-92	17,447	5,328	3,849	1,364	27,988	27,023
1992-93	17,485	5,376	3,683	1,277	27,821	28,077
1993-94	18,037	5,711	3,575	1,120	28,443	29,004
1994-95	18,906	5,837	4,391	1,147	30,281	28,753
1995-96	19,692	5,588	3,525	1,121	29,926	30,038
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1987-88	3.3	0.6	17.3	-9.6	4.1	2.8
1988-89	4.1	0.0	0.8	15.0	3.3	2.9
1989-90	2.4	2.5	4.9	5.1	3.0	4.7
1990-91	4.2	4.1	-8.8	-6.2	0.2	-1.0
1991-92	1.6	2.3	-6.0	-7.8	1.4	-2.4
1992-93	0.2	0.9	-4.3	-6.4	-0.6	3.9
1993-94	3.2	6.2	-2.9	-12.3	2.2	3.3
1994-95	4.8	2.2	22.8	2.4	6.5	-0.9
1995-96	4.2	-4.3	-19.7	-2.3	-1.2	4.5
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1993 - 94 -						
December	4,749	1,385	914	277	7,325	7,872
March	4,378	1,323	839	243	6,783	7,007
June	4,457	1,605	906	365	7,333	7,054
1994 - 95 -						
September	4,638	1,423	1,022	231	7,314	7,076
December	4,938	1,447	1,425	278	8,088	7,703
March	4,569	1,370	942	297	7,178	6,872
June	4,761	1,597	1,002	341	7,701	7,102
1995 - 96 -						
September	4,880	1,402	808	211	7,301	7,058
December	5,206	1,394	990	246	7,836	8,485
March	4,723	1,290	808	273	7,094	7,180
June	4,883	1,502	919	391	7,695	7,315
1996 - 97 -						
September	4,944	1,379	1,044	211	7,578	7,223
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1993 - 94 -						
March	4,536	1,436	868	279	7,119	7,256
June	4,574	1,441	949	274	7,238	7,243
1994 - 95 -						
September	4,621	1,460	1,090	282	7,453	7,188
December	4,684	1,473	1,164	297	7,618	7,134
March	4,762	1,469	1,096	295	7,622	7,160
June	4,843	1,450	961	275	7,529	7,260
1995 - 96 -						
September	4,896	1,430	883	258	7,467	7,399
December	4,919	1,408	869	274	7,470	7,496
March	4,931	1,389	888	293	7,501	7,539
June	4,948	1,380	945	288	7,561	7,550
1996 - 97 -						
September	4,964	1,382	1,014	273	7,633	7,550
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1993 - 94 -						
June	0.8	0.3	9.3	-1.8	1.7	-0.2
1994 - 95 -						
September	1.0	1.3	14.9	2.9	3.0	-0.8
December	1.4	0.9	6.8	5.3	2.2	-0.8
March	1.7	-0.3	-5.8	-0.7	0.1	0.4
June	1.7	-1.3	-12.3	-6.8	-1.2	1.4
1995 - 96 -						
September	1.1	-1.4	-8.1	-6.2	-0.8	1.9
December	0.5	-1.5	-1.6	6.2	0.0	1.3
March	0.2	-1.3	2.2	6.9	0.4	0.6
June	0.3	-0.6	6.4	-1.7	0.8	0.1
1996 - 97 -						
September	0.3	0.1	7.3	-5.2	1.0	0.0

**MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP**  
**Final stage of production in South Australia**  
**(\$'000)**

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Cereals and cereal preparations	Wine	Wool and sheepskins	Machinery	Metals and metal manu- factures	Fish and crustaceans	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Petroleum and petroleum products	Total
<b>ANNUAL</b>										
1988-89	181,058	475,481	71,474	415,098	104,163	239,656	95,720	124,815	189,679	2,451,372
1989-90	244,374	724,369	73,484	285,650	111,944	371,136	111,760	161,704	188,105	2,828,091
1990-91	234,299	587,199	123,567	257,576	152,940	433,341	122,604	117,218	291,507	3,007,137
1991-92	270,237	565,582	165,914	351,096	176,536	489,030	147,532	137,091	341,477	3,431,139
1992-93	282,181	573,375	192,255	318,989	211,426	490,594	154,608	338,359	372,445	3,760,602
1993-94	324,796	436,517	238,366	290,963	223,760	462,355	186,861	351,229	276,473	3,889,783
1994-95	307,785	261,052	250,527	301,645	285,323	571,094	191,386	332,321	285,310	3,829,327
1995-96	244,459	713,022	318,417	239,746	340,160	610,888	196,628	249,236	220,915	4,497,131
<b>MONTHLY</b>										
1995 - 96 -										
September	19,591	15,547	36,583	17,746	22,874	53,244	11,704	21,018	17,940	289,173
October	23,556	24,906	28,030	26,785	24,510	52,246	19,427	21,398	14,316	304,439
November	26,104	30,267	16,987	21,284	24,023	43,553	18,840	24,723	19,084	316,947
December	29,693	88,006	26,647	27,775	29,845	72,202	17,240	26,274	17,869	482,760
January	19,108	91,819	15,990	19,531	19,116	48,457	19,458	6,120	7,998	392,673
February	23,461	97,112	24,508	16,038	28,461	51,287	17,828	16,490	31,446	494,857
March	24,273	123,123	29,602	19,495	38,222	58,076	19,701	24,974	5,211	470,127
April	19,866	65,951	28,160	20,765	29,836	35,488	11,760	21,088	37,852	364,537
May	17,268	98,946	25,889	18,360	30,180	56,131	14,305	20,508	18,602	400,020
June	13,508	32,366	35,428	21,076	30,702	53,311	11,403	18,201	12,412	351,659
1996 - 97 -										
July	11,235	58,143	28,756	16,929	28,494	37,616	10,316	44,328	25,877	364,415
August	9,353	43,401	41,848	12,545	33,374	53,358	10,441	23,287	19,738	353,748
September	10,415	43,146	38,596	16,764	31,795	35,428	10,554	36,844	6,262	315,277
October	14,873	47,264	40,662	22,014	25,898	46,325	16,063	75,999	20,187	426,513
November	18,135	23,133	25,694	21,054	31,703	46,398	15,930	99,662	39,499	436,081

**MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY SELECTED COUNTRIES**  
**Final stage of production in South Australia**  
**(\$'000)**

Period	European Community				East Asia					Total East Asia
	United States	Middle East	United Kingdom	Total European Community	New Zealand	Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	
ANNUAL										
1988-89	184,903	397,324	108,635	355,669	230,263	390,207	51,975	55,474	240,507	869,226
1989-90	229,169	551,953	121,319	412,855	289,970	359,643	86,303	49,273	277,659	929,209
1990-91	321,032	325,450	186,353	480,714	179,193	438,970	146,434	80,640	403,754	1,284,576
1991-92	300,139	381,761	220,048	550,258	214,522	647,674	148,308	108,583	437,670	1,627,108
1992-93	352,764	314,049	237,520	594,701	288,421	649,684	208,135	171,803	487,174	1,820,065
1993-94	393,611	280,499	263,092	571,047	311,999	625,481	220,211	165,163	533,977	1,898,975
1994-95	329,878	184,342	246,118	553,051	376,279	682,936	177,875	193,014	551,433	2,004,012
1995-96	279,550	525,348	287,693	692,009	376,613	672,881	293,319	202,013	572,358	2,057,289
MONTHLY										
1995 - 96 -										
September	23,085	8,565	25,361	62,544	38,618	44,066	10,067	8,898	31,239	123,736
October	19,529	14,689	22,775	56,352	29,954	53,894	22,611	12,689	52,849	160,908
November	16,581	39,009	11,481	29,406	35,627	55,812	15,051	16,409	57,338	172,468
December	27,918	110,671	22,009	66,830	35,281	49,304	17,528	20,841	77,169	187,783
January	19,706	84,056	12,778	44,743	19,029	65,269	29,107	16,119	32,921	180,607
February	23,556	107,885	31,325	78,447	27,767	57,812	37,040	19,718	61,310	202,869
March	24,868	51,582	25,976	65,053	36,572	58,325	58,657	21,622	34,892	203,618
April	21,848	38,851	22,900	43,785	26,357	53,273	36,243	18,290	50,276	187,629
May	20,722	8,796	22,925	60,080	33,384	69,732	28,586	21,158	38,396	185,996
June	27,622	27,415	39,268	81,921	27,720	51,132	10,310	15,755	40,780	142,074
1996 - 97 -										
July	26,282	19,794	23,491	40,076	58,190	37,820	13,448	14,210	62,815	153,779
August	24,015	30,364	28,940	57,177	39,328	51,371	17,025	20,786	42,556	158,816
September	45,319	32,344	25,005	41,099	26,834	36,228	13,183	18,519	37,417	127,652
October	74,276	30,298	28,487	58,551	40,388	67,229	19,648	12,588	45,250	171,955
November	100,310	23,047	32,393	56,393	32,805	56,602	16,370	27,173	62,454	183,682

**MERCHANDISE EXPORTS BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN**  
**Final stage of production in South Australia**  
**(\$'000)**

Period	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Manufacturing					Total
				Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing	Other industries/ confidential	
ANNUAL									
1988-89	891,978	107,269	515,739	176,037	260,978	270,215	96,203	132,953	2,451,372
1989-90	979,463	133,318	583,544	133,078	406,144	320,349	99,984	172,210	2,828,091
1990-91	804,154	120,930	599,030	264,813	474,541	336,500	155,351	251,818	3,007,137
1991-92	882,011	248,846	702,148	201,681	541,522	381,737	178,485	294,709	3,431,139
1992-93	883,725	294,586	766,518	195,387	509,303	641,930	178,726	290,427	3,760,602
1993-94	733,014	245,247	884,737	180,147	475,060	665,066	208,573	497,938	3,889,783
1994-95	592,129	268,537	886,354	186,661	584,838	711,542	243,314	355,952	3,829,327
1995-96	1,014,114	226,307	977,949	172,267	639,259	674,065	226,486	566,684	4,497,131
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
September	34,304	11,819	86,704	16,508	54,378	50,068	18,502	16,890	289,173
October	52,612	10,747	85,726	12,266	53,132	53,413	16,776	19,767	304,439
November	57,292	27,650	67,517	9,630	44,699	53,265	20,745	36,148	316,947
December	118,496	8,265	98,243	20,013	79,849	63,869	21,986	72,039	482,760
January	119,118	27,927	77,337	8,181	49,325	35,841	17,538	57,407	392,673
February	122,372	24,558	84,958	16,652	53,893	50,810	16,447	125,167	494,857
March	155,779	12,291	90,333	14,433	59,129	70,618	21,525	46,018	470,127
April	94,200	28,555	74,852	16,616	38,555	57,023	18,305	36,433	364,537
May	104,726	23,538	84,769	18,645	59,239	59,331	17,911	31,862	400,020
June	61,544	11,058	77,873	11,623	58,736	55,917	18,726	56,182	351,659
1996 - 97 -									
July	90,273	27,283	64,583	17,236	37,653	80,445	18,417	28,526	364,415
August	58,322	21,111	87,453	16,117	54,535	64,979	19,566	31,665	353,748
September	63,744	2,163	81,499	13,729	36,993	76,974	19,371	20,803	315,277
October	70,934	12,456	85,299	28,890	51,554	111,064	19,737	46,578	426,513
November	57,063	19,969	70,317	27,860	47,333	139,593	17,724	56,222	436,081

**MERCHANDISE IMPORTS BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP**  
**Goods released from Customs control in South Australia**  
**(\$'000)**

Period	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum and petroleum products	Chemicals	Textiles	Metals and metal manu- factures	Machinery	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Other manu- factured goods	Total
ANNUAL									
1988-89	60,395	169,397	144,766	47,592	135,225	411,092	415,120	344,344	1,861,622
1989-90	71,796	203,654	167,154	49,249	147,969	462,885	414,800	399,437	2,050,024
1990-91	78,926	425,262	140,894	49,087	135,772	515,226	372,603	366,304	2,193,851
1991-92	82,095	362,777	153,574	62,884	151,165	523,848	435,121	513,012	2,396,954
1992-93	91,756	570,334	186,001	57,434	255,924	609,212	661,714	521,723	3,068,122
1993-94	99,177	404,626	200,225	60,172	160,937	595,238	663,617	484,590	2,803,446
1994-95	115,930	330,430	220,536	64,524	214,432	695,038	749,658	563,368	3,099,510
1995-96	118,237	346,397	254,102	76,847	213,487	675,869	546,445	728,096	3,114,309
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
September	10,407	21,085	12,320	7,156	18,140	45,362	39,826	42,134	203,934
October	10,865	21,481	14,044	6,525	18,154	50,105	62,159	61,470	257,264
November	11,322	22,223	18,176	8,716	18,048	61,466	37,229	56,644	243,063
December	11,964	44,318	14,105	4,193	11,216	43,339	48,448	78,622	272,071
January	10,464	23,714	22,404	5,206	16,968	71,580	40,787	52,901	252,230
February	8,386	43,261	20,499	5,920	18,823	49,981	35,606	61,576	254,005
March	8,874	64	35,531	5,560	19,237	54,101	42,833	49,765	242,808
April	9,155	42,010	30,060	5,999	16,164	53,368	47,497	60,585	275,216
May	10,336	32,580	19,662	5,993	17,306	67,725	35,970	63,905	266,206
June	7,669	21,616	15,891	6,713	18,888	52,873	45,012	85,729	261,521
1996 - 97 -									
July	10,309	31,507	13,838	7,478	17,070	66,901	42,448	62,929	265,219
August	14,251	54,974	16,394	6,946	24,177	70,218	55,143	49,989	307,605
September	10,374	23,728	12,225	7,797	18,394	69,154	39,198	101,392	290,138
October	15,444	50,251	14,606	6,584	18,722	72,047	48,328	47,117	283,408
November	12,992	25,966	14,883	5,017	21,111	76,026	42,335	58,607	266,991

**TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS BY INDUSTRY**  
**South Australia**

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food retailing</i>	<i>Department stores</i>	<i>Clothing and soft good retailing</i>	<i>Household good retailing</i>	<i>Recreational good retailing</i>	<i>Other retailing</i>	<i>Hospitality and services</i>	<i>Total</i>
ANNUAL (\$ million)								
1986-87	2,240.3	893.8	396.8	601.0	229.7	332.3	862.0	5,555.9
1987-88	2,378.5	951.2	416.7	660.8	237.5	367.0	941.6	5,953.3
1988-89	2,534.9	971.8	462.2	726.6	268.5	420.7	1,019.1	6,403.8
1989-90	2,679.8	1,041.1	521.1	782.5	291.6	467.1	1,046.7	6,829.9
1990-91	2,978.2	1,069.0	543.9	778.8	303.9	497.7	1,111.2	7,282.7
1991-92	3,163.1	1,087.4	466.5	792.0	278.7	515.7	1,157.3	7,460.7
1992-93	3,018.5	1,101.5	434.2	783.3	311.2	617.4	1,132.7	7,398.8
1993-94	3,152.3	1,107.8	466.1	849.2	354.9	639.6	1,260.5	7,830.4
1994-95	3,360.7	1,128.7	524.0	881.1	359.0	737.8	1,562.3	8,553.6
1995-96	3,096.0	959.7	450.4	785.8	347.4	710.2	1,398.7	7,748.2
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)								
1995 - 96 -								
September	301.0	84.0	40.8	72.4	31.0	72.9	145.4	747.5
October	305.4	92.0	45.4	81.4	32.3	70.1	147.4	774.0
November	322.2	105.0	48.0	80.7	36.1	72.0	150.7	814.7
December	360.9	174.5	67.9	100.3	51.4	92.4	177.0	1,024.4
January	289.6	80.2	44.7	77.9	34.4	66.2	131.5	724.5
February	288.2	73.2	37.7	71.1	32.7	65.8	122.7	691.4
March	306.7	80.8	40.0	79.1	34.1	68.4	128.2	737.3
April	300.2	90.6	42.5	73.5	32.6	64.4	134.6	738.4
May	321.5	91.9	42.4	76.1	32.1	72.4	131.7	768.1
June	300.3	87.5	41.0	73.3	30.7	65.6	129.5	727.9
1996 - 97 -								
July	316.7	90.6	40.6	78.8	33.9	60.7	125.4	746.7
August	329.4	86.8	34.8	79.6	33.7	63.5	128.7	756.5
September	310.7	80.4	32.9	72.5	32.6	58.5	129.0	716.6
October	344.1	93.0	36.5	73.1	36.2	60.3	127.4	770.6
November	336.4	105.6	36.8	75.1	37.9	60.9	134.8	787.5
MONTHLY, TREND (\$ million)								
1995 - 96 -								
September	305.2	94.5	44.6	78.4	33.0	69.9	146.8	772.3
October	306.9	94.1	45.7	77.7	33.7	69.8	144.0	772.0
November	306.4	93.9	46.8	77.6	34.3	69.8	140.0	769.0
December	304.3	94.1	47.3	78.2	34.7	70.1	135.7	764.4
January	302.3	94.3	47.0	79.0	34.8	70.7	132.6	760.5
February	301.7	94.3	45.9	79.6	34.5	71.4	131.4	758.7
March	303.8	94.3	44.3	79.7	34.2	71.9	132.2	760.5
April	308.2	94.3	42.7	79.7	34.1	71.6	134.6	765.3
May	313.9	94.5	41.3	79.5	34.2	70.2	137.2	770.9
June	319.7	94.6	40.2	78.9	34.5	68.0	138.5	774.3
1996 - 97 -								
July	324.2	94.4	39.2	78.0	35.0	65.4	137.4	773.6
August	327.7	94.0	38.1	76.9	35.5	62.8	134.7	769.7
September	330.4	93.5	36.9	75.4	36.0	60.6	131.4	764.2
October	332.4	93.0	35.8	73.9	36.4	58.7	128.2	758.4
November	333.2	92.6	34.8	72.3	36.8	56.9	125.3	751.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
October	0.6	-0.4	2.5	-0.9	2.1	-0.1	-1.9	0.0
November	-0.2	-0.2	2.4	-0.1	1.8	0.0	-2.8	-0.4
December	-0.7	0.2	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.4	-3.1	-0.6
January	-0.7	0.2	-0.6	1.0	0.3	0.9	-2.3	-0.5
February	-0.2	0.0	-2.3	0.8	-0.9	1.0	-0.9	-0.2
March	0.7	0.0	-3.5	0.1	-0.9	0.7	0.6	0.2
April	1.4	0.0	-3.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	1.8	0.6
May	1.8	0.2	-3.3	-0.3	0.3	-2.0	1.9	0.7
June	1.8	0.1	-2.7	-0.8	0.9	-3.1	0.9	0.4
1996 - 97 -								
July	1.4	-0.2	-2.5	-1.1	1.4	-3.8	-0.8	-0.1
August	1.1	-0.4	-2.8	-1.4	1.4	-4.0	-2.0	-0.5
September	0.8	-0.5	-3.1	-2.0	1.4	-3.5	-2.4	-0.7
October	0.6	-0.5	-3.0	-2.0	1.1	-3.1	-2.4	-0.8
November	0.2	-0.4	-2.8	-2.2	1.1	-3.1	-2.3	-0.9

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE OF VEHICLE**  
**South Australia**

Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimate		
	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger Vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
ANNUAL									
1986-87	29,788	6,430	36,218	..	..	..	..	..	..
1987-88	29,915	5,775	35,690						
1988-89	31,920	6,816	38,736						
1989-90	35,211	7,808	43,019						
1990-91	34,753	6,619	41,372						
1991-92	32,351	5,333	37,684						
1992-93	32,894	5,577	38,471						
1993-94	32,806	5,781	38,587						
1994-95	35,830	6,736	42,566						
1995-96	30,077	5,863	35,940						
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1987-88	0.4	-10.2	-1.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
1988-89	6.7	18.0	8.5						
1989-90	10.3	14.6	11.1						
1990-91	-1.3	-15.2	-3.8						
1991-92	-6.9	-19.4	-8.9						
1992-93	1.7	4.6	2.1						
1993-94	-0.3	3.7	0.3						
1994-95	9.2	16.5	10.3						
1995-96	-16.1	-13.0	-15.6						
MONTHLY									
1995 - 96 -									
September	2,905	547	3,452	2,835	580	3,415	2,946	523	3,469
October	3,217	430	3,647	3,063	452	3,514	2,963	525	3,488
November	3,187	564	3,751	2,957	522	3,479	3,003	537	3,540
December	2,987	565	3,552	3,125	575	3,700	3,053	554	3,608
January	2,350	479	2,829	2,943	597	3,541	3,093	573	3,666
February	3,244	588	3,832	3,177	621	3,799	3,116	592	3,708
March	3,271	596	3,867	3,198	544	3,741	3,116	609	3,725
April	2,745	541	3,286	3,111	627	3,738	3,090	619	3,709
May	3,080	712	3,792	2,991	630	3,621	3,037	622	3,659
June	3,091	841	3,932	2,999	669	3,668	2,963	618	3,581
1996 - 97 -									
July	2,862	595	3,457	2,813	572	3,384	2,890	606	3,496
August	3,024	545	3,569	2,853	600	3,453	2,833	587	3,420
September	2,939	498	3,437	2,883	548	3,431	2,796	564	3,360
October	2,817	548	3,365	2,520	557	3,077	2,772	542	3,314
November	2,976	536	3,512	2,953	501	3,454	2,763	523	3,286
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH									
1995 - 96 -									
October	10.7	-21.4	5.6	8.0	-22.1	2.9	0.6	0.4	0.5
November	-0.9	31.2	2.9	-3.5	15.5	-1.0	1.3	2.3	1.5
December	-6.3	0.2	-5.3	5.7	10.2	6.4	1.7	3.2	1.9
January	-21.3	-15.2	-20.4	-5.8	3.8	-4.3	1.3	3.4	1.6
February	38.0	22.8	35.5	8.0	4.0	7.3	0.7	3.3	1.1
March	0.8	1.4	0.9	0.7	-12.4	-1.5	0.0	2.9	0.5
April	-16.1	-9.2	-15.0	-2.7	15.3	-0.1	-0.8	1.6	-0.4
May	12.2	31.6	15.4	-3.9	0.5	-3.1	-1.7	0.5	-1.3
June	0.4	18.1	3.7	0.3	6.2	1.3	-2.4	-0.6	-2.1
1996 - 97 -									
July	-7.4	-29.3	-12.1	-6.2	-14.5	-7.7	-2.5	-1.9	-2.4
August	5.7	-8.4	3.2	1.4	4.9	2.0	-2.0	-3.1	-2.2
September	-2.8	-8.6	-3.7	1.1	-8.7	-0.6	-1.3	-3.9	-1.8
October	-4.2	10.0	-2.1	-12.6	1.6	-10.3	-0.9	-3.9	-1.4
November	5.6	-2.2	4.4	17.2	-10.1	12.3	-0.3	-3.5	-0.8

**ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET**  
**South Australia**

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$ million)						
1990-91	122	742	988	1,852	628	1,224
1991-92	193	763	668	1,625	392	1,233
1992-93	218	564	739	1,522	416	1,105
1993-94	97	613	773	1,484	356	1,128
1994-95	115	829	1,162	2,106	351	1,755
1995-96	194	716	893	1,804	348	1,456
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR						
1991-92	58.4	2.9	-32.3	-12.2	-37.5	0.8
1992-93	12.8	-26.1	10.6	-6.4	6.1	-10.4
1993-94	-55.5	8.7	4.6	-2.5	-14.5	2.0
1994-95	18.3	35.2	50.3	41.9	-1.4	55.6
1995-96	68.7	-13.6	-23.1	-14.3	-0.9	-17.0
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ million)						
1994 - 95 -						
September	14	129	338	481	151	330
December	40	226	419	684	77	607
March	22	202	222	446	65	382
June	40	272	183	494	58	436
1995 - 96 -						
September	35	155	172	361	71	290
December	49	205	285	538	89	450
March	51	159	174	385	76	309
June	59	197	263	519	113	406
1996 - 97 -						
September	50	168	369	587	133	454
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, ORIGINAL						
1994 - 95 -						
December	175.0	75.6	23.8	42.2	-48.7	83.7
March	-45.7	-10.5	-46.9	-34.8	-16.4	-37.1
June	86.0	34.4	-17.7	10.8	-9.6	14.3
1995 - 96 -						
September	-12.5	-43.0	-6.0	-27.0	21.6	-33.5
December	40.0	32.3	65.7	49.0	25.4	55.3
March	4.1	-22.4	-38.9	-28.4	-14.6	-31.3
June	15.7	23.9	51.1	34.8	48.7	31.4
1996 - 97 -						
September	-15.3	-14.7	40.3	13.1	17.7	11.8
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ million)						
1994 - 95 -						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	513	105	407
December				556	89	468
March				523	71	452
June				466	64	402
1995 - 96 -						
September				433	68	365
December				426	78	348
March				463	96	366
June				531	115	417
1996 - 97 -						
September				602	124	478
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND						
1994 - 95 -						
December	..	..	..	8.4	-15.2	15.0
March				-5.9	-20.2	-3.4
June				-10.9	-9.9	-11.1
1995 - 96 -						
September				-7.1	6.3	-9.2
December				-1.6	14.7	-4.7
March				8.7	23.1	5.2
June				14.7	19.8	13.9
1996 - 97 -						
September				13.4	7.8	14.6



**TOURIST ACCOMMODATION**  
**South Australia**

Period	Hotels, motels, guesthouses with facilities			Holiday flats, units and houses			Short-term caravan parks		
	Number of guest rooms	Room occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of flats, units and houses	Unit occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)	Number of sites	Site occupancy (per cent)	Takings (\$'000)
ANNUAL									
1986-87	8,497	52.9	79,254	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	18,773	18.1	12,647
1987-88	9,156	50.8	89,321	1,105	45.4	8,109	18,926	17.8	13,248
1988-89	9,396	50.5	102,737	1,171	45.8	9,792	19,195	17.4	14,711
1989-90	10,316	52.0	121,788	1,113	48.4	11,381	19,847	18.4	17,174
1990-91	10,445	48.0	128,634	1,210	43.9	10,339	19,794	17.7	18,102
1991-92	10,745	46.6	130,578	1,302	40.4	10,492	20,601	17.1	19,111
1992-93	10,632	46.5	129,882	1,338	40.2	10,740	20,038	22.3	20,113
1993-94	10,597	48.6	138,782	1,338	40.9	11,700	19,591	23.7	20,790
1994-95	10,594	51.3	149,698	1,342	40.0	11,644	20,175	24.5	22,537
1995-96	10,772	52.4	161,136	1,356	41.5	12,844	20,187	24.9	23,578
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1987-88	7.8	..	12.7	n.a.	..	n.a.	0.8	..	4.8
1988-89	2.6	..	15.0	6.0	..	20.8	1.4	..	11.0
1989-90	9.8	..	18.5	-5.0	..	16.2	3.4	..	16.7
1990-91	1.3	..	5.6	8.7	..	-9.2	-0.3	..	5.4
1991-92	2.9	..	1.5	7.6	..	1.5	4.1	..	5.6
1992-93	-1.1	..	-0.5	2.8	..	2.4	-2.7	..	5.2
1993-94	-0.3	..	6.9	0.0	..	8.9	-2.2	..	3.4
1994-95	0.0	..	7.9	0.3	..	-0.5	3.0	..	8.4
1995-96	1.7	..	7.6	1.0	..	10.3	0.1	..	4.6
QUARTERLY									
1993 - 94 - June	10,597	47.4	32,547	1,338	36.1	2,313	19,591	24.3	4,893
1994 - 95 - September	10,560	48.7	34,734	1,326	34.0	2,418	19,988	20.9	4,211
December	10,608	53.0	41,265	1,360	40.0	3,000	20,126	24.5	5,681
March	10,603	53.4	37,897	1,337	50.1	3,776	20,132	28.4	7,047
June	10,605	50.0	35,802	1,348	35.9	2,451	20,452	24.3	5,597
1995 - 96 - September	10,703	50.3	37,077	1,289	32.4	2,273	20,350	22.3	4,809
December	10,763	52.9	42,999	1,297	40.3	3,120	20,123	24.5	6,103
March	10,757	55.1	41,938	1,388	54.9	4,512	20,154	27.8	6,931
June	10,865	51.4	39,121	1,451	38.0	2,940	20,122	25.0	5,736
1996 - 97 - September	10,879	48.9	37,567	1,426	35.1	2,885	20,247	21.0	4,735
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1994 - 95 - September	-0.3	..	6.7	-0.9	..	4.5	2.0	..	-13.9
December	0.5	..	18.8	2.6	..	24.1	0.7	..	34.9
March	0.0	..	-8.2	-1.7	..	25.9	0.0	..	24.0
June	0.0	..	-5.5	0.7	..	-35.1	1.6	..	-20.6
1995 - 96 - September	0.9	..	0.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	0.6	..	3.6	-4.2	..	-7.3	-0.5	..	-14.1
March	-0.1	..	16.0	0.6	..	37.3	-1.1	..	26.9
June	1.0	..	-2.5	7.0	..	44.6	0.2	..	13.6
1996 - 97 - September	0.1	..	-6.7	4.5	..	-34.8	-0.2	..	-17.2
September	0.1	..	-4.0	-1.7	..	-1.9	0.6	..	-17.5

# **BUILDING APPROVALS** **South Australia**

Period	Number of dwelling units				Value (\$ million)			
	Houses		Total(a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building	Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total				
ANNUAL								
1987-88	6,276	6,900	7,383	9,009	497	94	749	1,340
1988-89	7,526	8,006	9,642	11,238	690	109	895	1,694
1989-90	7,246	7,675	10,180	11,701	733	110	914	1,757
1990-91	8,351	8,633	10,418	11,426	755	119	591	1,465
1991-92	8,613	8,931	10,254	11,290	756	124	627	1,506
1992-93	9,710	10,087	11,548	12,341	841	133	418	1,392
1993-94	9,470	9,901	11,046	11,777	839	122	375	1,336
1994-95	7,757	8,147	9,208	9,762	740	120	493	1,353
1995-96	4,930	5,109	5,760	5,968	469	119	566	1,155
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR								
1988-89	19.9	16.0	30.6	24.7	38.8	16.0	19.5	26.4
1989-90	-3.7	-4.1	5.6	4.1	6.1	1.2	2.1	3.7
1990-91	15.2	12.5	2.3	-2.4	3.1	8.6	-35.4	-16.6
1991-92	3.1	3.5	-1.6	-1.2	0.1	3.9	6.1	2.8
1992-93	12.7	12.9	12.6	9.3	11.3	7.1	-33.2	-7.6
1993-94	-2.5	-1.8	-4.3	-4.6	-0.2	-8.0	-10.4	-4.0
1994-95	-18.1	-17.7	-16.6	-17.1	-11.8	-1.7	31.5	1.3
1995-96	-36.4	-37.3	-37.4	-38.9	-36.5	-0.7	14.8	-14.7
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL								
1995 - 96 -								
September	437	467	547	592	45.0	12.1	31.1	88.2
October	415	422	512	519	39.2	10.4	69.2	118.8
November	388	390	525	527	40.8	10.3	33.1	84.2
December	354	367	421	434	34.5	8.9	36.1	79.5
January	299	306	346	355	29.2	8.5	64.4	102.1
February	393	418	461	486	39.6	8.4	16.5	64.5
March	388	393	432	437	36.5	11.4	49.9	97.8
April	380	386	424	430	31.9	8.5	27.5	67.9
May	464	483	486	505	40.8	10.0	143.6	194.3
June	403	406	433	436	34.3	10.5	26.9	71.8
1996 - 97 -								
July	476	481	523	528	42.8	7.7	41.9	92.5
August	484	492	536	547	45.2	10.3	60.9	116.4
September	458	462	510	514	43.4	10.7	59.1	113.2
October	401	414	553	566	43.7	12.0	28.5	84.2
November	438	438	488	488	39.9	8.8	39.7	88.5
MONTHLY, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
September	424	452	522	555	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
October	413	438	510	540				
November	400	422	488	516				
December	393	412	469	493				
January	392	408	454	476				
February	395	408	446	462				
March	403	411	444	454				
April	410	413	447	449				
May	415	415	451	449				
June	417	417	459	456				
1996 - 97 -								
July	418	421	469	470				
August	418	426	481	488				
September	419	431	493	505				
October	420	435	504	520				
November	421	439	512	532				
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND								
1995 - 96 -								
October	-2.6	-3.1	-2.3	-2.7				
November	-3.1	-3.7	-4.3	-4.4				
December	-1.8	-2.4	-3.9	-4.5				
January	-0.3	-1.0	-3.2	-3.4				
February	0.8	0.0	-1.8	-2.9				
March	2.0	0.7	-0.4	-1.7				
April	1.7	0.5	0.7	-1.1				
May	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.0				
June	0.5	0.5	1.8	1.6				
1996 - 97 -								
July	0.2	1.0	2.2	3.1				
August	0.0	1.2	2.6	3.8				
September	0.2	1.2	2.5	3.5				
October	0.2	0.9	2.2	3.0				
November	0.2	0.9	1.6	2.3				

(a) Includes the number of self-contained dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

### BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS South Australia

Period	Number of new dwelling units				Value (\$ million)				
	Houses		Total (a)		New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building		Total building
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	
ANNUAL									
1984-85	8,502	9,641	11,782	14,294	660.3	66.0	345.6	509.7	1,236.0
1985-86	6,334	7,267	8,840	10,779	558.5	80.9	430.7	602.4	1,241.7
1986-87	5,345	6,458	6,552	8,987	475.7	75.3	430.1	674.4	1,225.4
1987-88	5,664	6,388	6,723	8,510	472.9	92.2	527.2	718.8	1,283.8
1988-89	7,132	7,580	8,853	10,303	646.2	103.7	760.3	964.1	1,709.9
1989-90	6,734	7,174	9,421	10,988	718.2	111.6	669.6	934.2	1,763.9
1990-91	7,863	8,177	9,683	10,838	727.5	118.2	367.1	554.0	1,399.6
1991-92	8,036	8,344	9,635	10,700	727.2	125.1	344.5	607.8	1,460.1
1992-93	9,122	9,416	10,889	11,646	816.2	122.4	205.5	458.7	1,397.2
1993-94	9,159	9,590	10,707	11,501	845.3	126.5	209.9	373.0	1,344.8
1994-95	7,745	8,210	9,115	9,795	765.5	125.3	251.7	518.5	1,409.3
1995-96	4,837	5,071	5,693	5,961	496.5	121.7	452.8	631.8	1,250.0
QUARTERLY									
1993 - 94 -									
March	1,977	2,023	2,412	2,556	188.1	29.8	51.1	97.6	315.4
June	2,235	2,396	2,629	2,883	213.4	30.2	55.2	93.5	337.1
1994 - 95 -									
September	2,413	2,526	2,857	3,085	235.6	34.3	57.0	101.8	371.7
December	2,303	2,435	2,691	2,873	221.1	31.8	52.8	99.5	352.4
March	1,631	1,735	1,942	2,073	167.9	26.4	55.6	92.1	286.4
June	1,396	1,512	1,623	1,763	140.9	32.8	86.3	225.1	398.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	1,398	1,504	1,640	1,771	142.4	29.4	69.5	108.4	280.3
December	1,242	1,295	1,491	1,587	133.9	34.0	85.5	119.5	287.4
March	1,044	1,089	1,237	1,295	109.2	29.4	80.1	139.9	278.4
June	1,153	1,183	1,270	1,308	111.0	28.8	217.7	264.0	403.9
1996 - 97 -									
September	1,198	1,214	1,304	1,328	109.1	26.2	66.8	103.1	238.4

(a) Includes conversions.

### VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE DURING PERIOD South Australia

Period	New residential building				Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Houses		Total			Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
ANNUAL (\$ million)									
1984-85	414.4	456.3	542.3	626.7	65.6	285.1	433.4	891.6	1,125.7
1985-86	369.2	411.5	497.9	585.1	78.7	413.6	589.7	988.5	1,253.4
1986-87	310.0	364.8	385.4	492.2	78.4	447.9	645.2	908.1	1,215.8
1987-88	343.8	381.1	391.4	467.7	88.2	551.8	811.2	1,027.0	1,367.1
1988-89	450.2	469.2	538.8	597.0	104.1	657.5	902.2	1,297.3	1,603.3
1989-90	493.8	518.9	657.4	724.9	116.3	743.2	988.6	1,514.0	1,829.8
1990-91	578.3	600.2	713.6	782.3	122.0	621.9	876.6	1,455.4	1,780.8
1991-92	591.5	607.5	693.4	748.5	125.1	310.3	484.1	1,127.5	1,357.6
1992-93	647.2	660.9	743.8	780.6	127.1	297.9	570.9	1,166.3	1,478.6
1993-94	719.1	746.4	828.9	876.3	132.0	217.7	462.1	1,177.2	1,470.4
1994-95	659.6	693.6	766.1	816.4	129.4	271.6	476.9	1,164.3	1,422.7
1995-96	441.4	460.5	512.9	534.8	130.6	311.4	542.1	953.2	1,207.5
QUARTERLY (\$ million)									
1993 - 94 -									
March	167.4	172.2	192.3	202.3	32.4	50.2	96.8	274.3	331.5
June	175.7	182.9	204.2	215.3	30.8	53.1	111.0	287.5	357.2
1994 - 95 -									
September	185.6	193.5	215.3	230.8	37.4	63.7	113.5	316.1	381.8
December	185.3	195.7	216.0	231.4	35.6	63.0	117.8	313.1	384.7
March	153.3	159.5	179.5	187.9	25.1	57.2	104.4	261.4	317.4
June	135.3	144.8	155.3	166.3	31.2	87.8	141.3	273.7	338.8
1995 - 96 -									
September	117.9	124.5	138.8	146.6	31.4	72.7	121.7	241.7	299.6
December	119.2	125.6	137.7	144.8	39.9	87.1	142.9	264.7	327.6
March	101.6	105.4	118.8	123.1	26.7	63.4	122.0	208.6	271.8
June	102.6	105.0	117.6	120.3	32.6	88.1	155.6	238.3	308.5
1996 - 97 -									
September	97.4	99.3	109.6	111.6	28.0	83.2	143.6	219.5	283.2

**PRODUCTION, SELECTED COMMODITIES**  
**South Australia**

Period	Footwear (pairs)	Gas (m megajoules)	Electricity (including NT) ('000 kWh)	Coal (tonnes)	Sawn timber(a) (m <sup>3</sup> )
<b>ANNUAL</b>					
1986-87	2,147,468	82,550	9,666,694	2,435,010	194,458
1987-88	1,982,301	83,101	10,137,144	2,566,347	254,453
1988-89	2,062,085	86,546	10,588,647	2,674,215	292,335
1989-90	1,749,112	85,070	10,665,118	2,921,861	228,156
1990-91	1,837,602	73,265	8,878,357	2,441,040	240,193
1991-92	1,852,890	78,210	10,025,649	2,819,880	271,603
1992-93	1,406,178	83,000	10,226,734	2,753,610	317,096
1993-94	1,382,949	89,382	10,560,251	2,643,000	364,961
1994-95	1,430,417	86,123	10,051,056	2,554,560	392,349
1995-96	n.a.	76,074	8,733,503	2,409,120	413,545
<b>PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR</b>					
1987-88	-7.7	0.7	4.9	5.4	30.9
1988-89	4.0	4.1	4.5	4.2	14.9
1989-90	-15.2	-1.7	0.7	9.3	-22.0
1990-91	5.1	-13.9	-16.8	-16.5	5.3
1991-92	0.8	6.7	12.9	15.5	13.1
1992-93	-24.1	6.1	2.0	-2.4	16.7
1993-94	-1.7	7.7	3.3	-4.0	15.1
1994-95	3.4	-3.6	-4.8	-3.3	7.5
1995-96	n.a.	-11.7	-13.1	-5.7	5.4
<b>MONTHLY/QUARTERLY (b), ORIGINAL</b>					
1995 - 96 -					
September	134,797	6,201	685,549	214,200	121,851
October	95,340	6,922	671,726	119,400	..
November	108,312	6,252	665,680	141,660	..
December	89,857	5,126	673,409	208,920	112,148
January	80,341	4,990	713,816	232,020	..
February	124,734	5,548	742,084	233,280	..
March	151,541	6,163	765,278	254,940	88,684
April	101,261	6,088	632,648	159,960	..
May	n.a.	5,728	725,035	186,600	..
June	n.a.	7,047	788,337	216,120	90,862
1996 - 97 -					
July	n.a.	7,478	805,153	242,820	..
August	n.a.	7,077	780,265	231,720	..
September	n.a.	6,545	715,089	203,820	95,037
October	n.a.	6,788	701,744	150,480	..
November	n.a.	5,468	692,551	202,920	..
<b>PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH/QUARTER (b)</b>					
1995 - 96 -					
October	-29.3	11.6	-2.0	-44.3	..
November	13.6	-9.7	-0.9	18.6	..
December	-17.0	-18.0	1.2	47.5	-8.0
January	-10.6	-2.7	6.0	11.1	..
February	55.3	11.2	4.0	0.5	..
March	21.5	11.1	3.1	9.3	-20.9
April	-33.2	-1.2	-17.3	-37.3	..
May	n.a.	-5.9	14.6	16.7	..
June	n.a.	23.0	8.7	15.8	2.5
1996 - 97 -					
July	n.a.	6.1	2.1	12.4	..
August	n.a.	-5.4	-3.1	-4.6	..
September	n.a.	-7.5	-8.4	-12.0	4.6
October	n.a.	3.7	-1.9	-26.2	..
November	n.a.	-19.4	-1.3	34.8	..

(a) From Australian softwood logs only.

(b) Sawn timber production data available quarterly only.

**PRODUCTION, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS AND SELECTED COMMODITIES**  
**South Australia**

Period	Chicken	Pigmeat	Beef	Mutton	Lamb	Cheese	Wheat flour, other than self-raising
ANNUAL (tonnes)							
1984-85	35,882	36,508	79,111	35,800	30,136	23,273	74,643
1985-86	34,235	37,432	77,898	41,507	31,485	25,086	73,926
1986-87	33,776	40,761	90,283	43,934	32,416	27,438	80,310
1987-88	34,907	36,671	91,701	45,562	34,335	25,497	91,325
1988-89	32,946	40,364	87,160	42,159	36,203	24,704	96,418
1989-90	35,248	40,815	99,699	50,939	38,052	22,774	88,503
1990-91	31,945	38,644	87,036	65,434	32,038	24,522	83,727
1991-92	36,978	34,538	90,661	72,578	29,941	23,494	81,065
1992-93	38,619	38,153	96,338	65,689	39,334	26,140	87,761
1993-94	40,671	38,394	94,395	71,354	45,199	26,674	84,683
1994-95	39,103	32,063	99,108	66,759	36,147	29,154	80,666
1995-96	37,691	26,711	90,958	52,714	37,829	31,496	97,425
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
1985-86	-4.6	2.5	-1.5	15.9	4.5	7.8	-1.0
1986-87	-1.3	8.9	15.9	5.8	3.0	9.4	8.6
1987-88	3.3	-10.0	1.6	3.7	5.9	-7.1	13.7
1988-89	-5.6	10.1	-5.0	-7.5	5.4	-3.1	5.6
1989-90	7.0	1.1	14.4	20.8	5.1	-7.8	-8.2
1990-91	-9.4	-5.3	-12.7	28.5	-15.8	7.7	-5.4
1991-92	15.8	-10.6	4.2	10.9	-6.5	-4.2	-3.2
1992-93	4.4	10.5	6.3	-9.5	31.4	11.3	8.3
1993-94	5.3	0.6	-2.0	8.6	14.9	2.0	-3.5
1994-95	-3.9	-16.5	5.0	-6.4	-20.0	9.3	-4.7
1995-96	-3.6	-16.7	-8.2	-21.0	4.7	8.0	20.8
MONTHLY (tonnes)							
1995 - 96 -							
September	3,111	2,240	8,850	4,525	4,212	2,805	7,479
October	2,961	2,125	9,382	5,002	4,455	3,280	6,878
November	3,182	2,608	9,908	7,065	4,008	2,706	8,187
December	3,419	1,907	7,036	3,906	2,691	2,912	8,952
January	3,286	2,092	9,208	5,711	2,693	2,419	6,566
February	2,991	2,297	9,065	6,320	3,213	4,806	8,503
March	3,361	1,899	8,091	5,468	3,385	1,357	8,283
April	3,438	1,985	6,352	3,523	2,965	2,122	7,665
May	2,880	2,646	7,037	3,286	3,282	2,174	14,422
June	2,942	2,136	5,913	2,880	1,921	1,963	6,811
1996 - 97 -							
July	3,110	2,561	5,342	2,424	1,904	2,120	7,099
August	2,827	2,454	5,292	2,504	1,863	3,191	7,468
September	3,042	1,896	6,752	3,487	2,784	5,163	7,089
October	3,155	1,775	8,232	5,010	3,429	n.y.a.	6,866
November	3,156	2,214	9,012	6,370	2,996	n.y.a.	7,331
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH							
1995 - 96 -							
October	-4.8	-5.1	6.0	10.5	5.8	32.8	-8.0
November	7.5	22.8	5.6	41.2	-10.0	-17.5	19.0
December	7.4	-26.9	-29.0	-44.7	-32.9	7.6	9.3
January	-3.9	9.7	30.9	46.2	0.1	-16.9	-26.7
February	-9.0	9.8	-1.6	10.7	19.3	98.7	29.5
March	12.3	-17.3	-10.7	-13.5	5.3	-71.8	-2.6
April	2.3	4.5	-21.5	-35.6	-12.4	56.4	-7.5
May	-16.2	33.3	10.8	-6.7	10.7	2.5	88.2
June	2.2	-19.3	-16.0	-12.4	-41.5	-9.7	-52.8
1996 - 97 -							
July	5.7	19.9	-9.7	-15.8	-0.9	8.0	4.2
August	-9.1	-4.2	-0.9	3.3	-2.2	50.5	5.2
September	7.6	-22.7	27.6	39.3	49.4	61.8	-5.1
October	3.7	-6.4	21.9	43.7	23.2	n.y.a.	-3.1
November	0.0	24.7	9.5	27.1	-12.6	n.y.a.	6.8

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: BY GROUP**  
**Adelaide**

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100)									
1985-86	77.0	74.0	73.4	78.9	74.8	72.7	63.2	74.9	74.7
1986-87	83.2	81.8	76.9	84.3	83.0	79.4	75.6	82.1	81.5
1987-88	87.6	88.2	79.5	89.9	88.6	85.7	84.0	89.6	87.0
1988-89	95.2	95.3	87.0	95.1	94.2	92.5	90.8	94.6	93.3
1989-90	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1990-91	103.8	103.6	104.1	105.4	107.0	112.0	113.4	104.8	106.2
1991-92	106.0	105.3	100.4	107.5	110.5	118.6	127.8	107.7	108.9
1992-93	109.3	107.0	94.3	107.6	115.0	131.2	134.9	110.7	111.2
1993-94	111.7	106.6	92.1	108.0	117.8	141.5	142.7	113.7	113.4
1994-95	115.1	104.9	97.8	109.2	120.2	148.9	151.3	116.3	116.9
1995-96	118.2	105.1	103.6	112.1	124.5	160.1	158.9	118.0	121.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1986-87	8.1	10.5	4.8	6.8	11.0	9.2	19.6	9.6	9.1
1987-88	5.3	7.8	3.4	6.6	6.7	7.9	11.1	9.1	6.7
1988-89	8.7	8.0	9.4	5.8	6.3	7.9	8.1	5.6	7.2
1989-90	5.0	4.9	14.9	5.2	6.2	8.1	10.1	5.7	7.2
1990-91	3.8	3.6	4.1	5.4	7.0	12.0	13.4	4.8	6.2
1991-92	2.1	1.6	-3.6	2.0	3.3	5.9	12.7	2.8	2.5
1992-93	3.1	1.6	-6.1	0.1	4.1	10.6	5.6	2.8	2.1
1993-94	2.2	-0.4	-2.3	0.4	2.4	7.9	5.8	2.7	2.0
1994-95	3.0	-1.6	6.2	1.1	2.0	5.2	6.0	2.2	3.1
1995-96	2.7	0.2	5.9	2.7	3.6	7.6	5.0	1.5	3.7
QUARTERLY (1989-90=100.0)									
1993 - 94 - June	113.0	105.8	91.9	108.2	118.5	144.5	148.2	114.8	114.4
1994 - 95 - September	114.5	105.2	92.4	108.3	119.6	144.2	148.3	115.1	114.9
December	114.3	105.1	95.6	108.7	119.8	147.8	148.7	116.2	116.0
March	115.7	104.2	100.8	109.5	119.9	150.2	153.0	117.2	117.8
June	115.7	105.1	102.2	110.2	121.4	153.2	155.3	116.5	118.8
1995 - 96 - September	117.8	104.8	102.7	111.5	124.4	154.8	155.4	116.5	120.1
December	118.2	105.2	103.8	112.0	124.3	159.7	158.7	117.3	121.1
March	118.2	104.9	103.9	112.4	123.9	162.2	161.0	118.9	121.6
June	118.4	105.5	103.9	112.3	125.3	163.6	160.6	119.2	122.0
1996 - 97 - September	119.2	105.5	103.5	113.0	124.4	164.7	160.9	119.2	122.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1993 - 94 - June	2.4	-1.7	-2.0	0.8	2.1	5.9	6.7	2.2	1.9
1994 - 95 - September	3.7	-2.1	-1.0	0.7	2.0	3.9	6.9	2.0	2.0
December	2.7	-1.9	4.4	0.5	1.9	5.6	7.4	2.8	2.8
March	3.3	-1.7	10.0	1.5	2.0	5.3	5.2	2.7	3.7
June	2.4	-0.7	11.2	1.8	2.4	6.0	4.8	1.5	3.8
1995 - 96 - September	2.9	-0.4	11.1	3.0	4.0	7.4	4.8	1.2	4.5
December	3.4	0.1	8.6	3.0	3.8	8.1	6.7	0.9	4.4
March	2.2	0.7	3.1	2.6	3.3	8.0	5.2	1.5	3.2
June	2.3	0.4	1.7	1.9	3.2	6.8	3.4	2.3	2.7
1996-97 September	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.0	6.4	3.5	2.3	1.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1994 - 95 - September	1.3	-0.6	0.5	0.1	0.9	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.4
December	-0.2	-0.1	3.5	0.4	0.2	2.5	0.3	1.0	1.0
March	1.2	-0.9	5.4	0.7	0.1	1.6	2.9	0.9	1.6
June	0.0	0.9	1.4	0.6	1.3	2.0	1.5	-0.6	0.8
1995 - 96 - September	1.8	-0.3	0.5	1.2	2.5	1.0	0.1	0.0	1.1
December	0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4	-0.1	3.2	2.1	0.7	0.8
March	0.0	-0.3	0.1	0.4	-0.3	1.6	1.4	1.4	0.4
June	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.1	1.1	0.9	-0.2	0.3	0.3
1996-97 September	0.7	0.0	-0.4	0.6	-0.7	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.2

**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED CONSUMER ITEMS**  
**Adelaide (cents)**

Item	Unit	Quarter				
		Sept. 1995	Dec. 1995	Mar. 1996	June 1996	Sept. 1996
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	114	114	114	113	114
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500g	327	335	334	337	322
Butter	500g	163	165	165	167	160
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680g	148	148	152	141	154
Self-raising flour	2kg	204	213	228	238	243
Beef: Rump steak	1kg	1,177	1,130	1,122	1,168	1,123
Corned silverside	1kg	639	642	637	645	624
Lamb: Leg	1kg	561	516	608	584	586
Loin chops	1kg	745	726	799	812	808
Forequarter chops	1kg	545	514	566	544	555
Pork: Leg	1kg	598	593	598	608	621
Loin chops	1kg	747	764	764	765	778
Chicken, frozen	1kg	330	331	350	348	369
Bacon, middle rashers	250g pkt	296	287	303	289	292
Sausages	1kg	374	366	356	358	351
Potatoes	1kg	106	134	72	70	67
Onions	1kg	181	192	108	74	83
Peaches, canned	825g	190	185	186	189	174
Eggs, 55g	doz	210	230	232	240	239
Sugar, white	2kg	174	186	189	180	182
Tea	250g	162	166	175	159	168
Coffee, instant, jar	150g	563	552	552	528	509
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500g	140	148	141	141	139
Petrol: Leaded	1 litre	75.3	74.0	73.6	75.9	73.6
Unleaded	1 litre	73.1	71.7	71.3	73.6	71.3

**ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE**  
**South Australia**

Period	Live births(a)	Deaths(a)	Components of population change			Total increase	Population at end of period
			Natural increase	Net migration			
				Interstate	Overseas (b)		
ANNUAL							
1985-86	19,657	10,427	9,230	-1,417	5,084	11,353	1,382,550
1986-87	19,628	10,577	9,051	-3,977	6,200	10,214	1,392,764
1987-88	19,288	10,799	8,489	-1,240	5,952	12,145	1,404,909
1988-89	19,528	10,814	8,664	-221	6,665	14,120	1,419,029
1989-90	19,653	11,329	8,253	-252	5,762	13,027	1,432,056
1990-91	19,966	11,120	8,767	1,545	4,619	14,243	1,446,299
1991-92	19,530	11,035	8,532	-133	2,897	11,296	1,457,595
1992-93	19,686	11,163	8,403	-4,650	1,546	5,299	1,462,894
1993-94	20,036	11,743	7,949	-3,466	1,994	6,477	1,469,371
1994-95	19,559	11,496	8,022	-6,529	3,102	4,595	1,473,596
1995-96	17,455	11,186	7,670	-6,238	4,119	5,551	1,479,147
MONTHLY/QUARTERLY							
1995 - 96 -							
August	1,617	1,180	..	..	..	..	..
September	1,728	963	1,759	-2,157	1,106	708	1,474,304
October	1,528	1,057	..	..	..	..	..
November	1,665	929	..	..	..	..	..
December	1,397	842	1,752	-1,512	946	1,186	1,475,490
January	1,663	932	..	..	..	..	..
February	1,694	807	..	..	..	..	..
March	1,567	839	2,346	-1,476	1,370	2,240	1,477,730
April	1,416	776	..	..	..	..	..
May	1,732	1,121	..	..	..	..	..
June	1,448	886	1,813	-1,093	697	1,417	1,479,147
1996 - 97 -							
July	1,733	1,095	..	..	..	..	..
August	1,663	1,198	..	..	..	..	..
September	1,464	971	1,596	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
October	1,772	1,157	..	..	..	..	..
November	1,522	774	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Registrations.

(b) Includes category jumping.

**LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION**  
**South Australia**

Period	Employed Full-time Males	Employed Full-time Females	Employed Part-time Males	Employed Part-time Females	Employed Total Males	Employed Total Females	Unem- ployed Males	Unem- ployed Females	Labour Force Males	Labour Force Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1986-87	337.1	137.0	25.4	106.6	362.5	243.6	35.6	24.5	398.1	268.1
1987-88	334.4	137.4	29.3	111.6	363.7	249.0	35.1	24.9	398.8	273.9
1988-89	345.5	145.3	29.7	115.8	375.2	261.1	32.2	22.5	407.4	283.6
1989-90	352.0	149.3	31.5	119.8	383.5	269.1	28.5	20.9	412.0	290.0
1990-91	345.2	148.4	34.1	125.7	379.3	274.1	37.8	25.3	417.1	299.4
1991-92	323.3	145.7	37.5	121.6	360.8	267.3	50.0	29.3	410.8	296.6
1992-93	322.2	143.2	39.2	126.8	361.4	270.0	51.9	29.9	413.3	299.9
1993-94	322.0	146.3	40.0	127.0	362.0	273.3	47.3	29.9	409.3	303.2
1994-95	323.1	151.5	42.6	131.3	365.7	282.8	44.6	28.7	410.3	311.5
1995-96	325.2	150.0	45.5	136.7	370.7	286.7	42.6	26.0	413.2	312.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE										
1987-88	-0.8	0.3	15.4	4.7	0.3	2.2	-1.4	1.6	0.2	2.2
1988-89	3.3	5.7	1.4	3.8	3.2	4.9	-8.3	-9.6	2.2	3.5
1989-90	1.9	2.8	6.1	3.5	2.2	3.1	-11.5	-7.1	1.1	2.3
1990-91	-1.9	-0.6	8.3	4.9	-1.1	1.9	32.6	21.1	1.2	3.2
1991-92	-6.3	-1.8	10.0	-3.3	-4.9	-2.5	32.3	15.8	-1.5	-0.9
1992-93	-0.3	-1.7	4.5	4.3	0.2	1.0	3.8	2.0	0.6	1.1
1993-94	-0.1	2.2	2.0	0.2	0.2	1.2	-8.9	0.0	-1.0	1.1
1994-95	0.3	3.6	6.5	3.4	1.0	3.5	-5.7	-4.0	0.2	2.7
1995-96	0.6	-1.0	6.8	4.1	1.4	1.4	-4.5	-9.4	0.7	0.4
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1995 - 96 -										
December	334.2	156.9	43.2	132.0	377.4	289.0	40.7	25.8	418.1	314.7
January	324.4	149.6	45.8	127.9	370.2	277.5	45.5	29.3	415.7	306.8
February	326.6	150.1	43.4	132.4	369.9	282.6	46.8	29.6	416.8	312.2
March	324.6	147.9	45.9	139.8	370.5	287.6	42.0	27.0	412.5	314.6
April	321.5	147.1	49.6	143.2	371.1	290.2	42.3	27.0	413.4	317.2
May	322.8	151.3	43.8	140.3	366.6	291.6	41.4	26.8	408.0	318.5
June	322.2	148.2	47.7	145.4	369.9	293.6	38.1	23.7	407.9	317.3
1996 - 97 -										
July	323.7	151.0	47.0	141.6	370.7	292.6	38.2	25.9	408.9	318.5
August	315.9	148.2	49.9	142.0	365.8	290.2	41.3	26.6	407.1	316.8
September	316.7	152.0	49.0	141.5	365.7	293.5	43.0	27.5	408.7	320.9
October	321.0	151.8	45.9	140.5	366.9	292.3	40.7	27.0	407.6	319.4
November	321.0	149.7	47.8	138.9	368.7	288.7	41.3	25.1	410.0	313.7
December	327.6	153.0	46.3	139.7	373.8	292.7	41.3	29.3	415.1	322.0
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1995 - 96 -										
December	327.5	149.5	44.4	134.0	371.9	283.5	42.1	25.6	414.0	309.1
January	327.0	149.4	44.3	134.9	371.3	284.3	42.2	25.8	413.5	310.1
February	326.2	149.5	44.4	136.3	370.6	285.8	42.3	26.0	412.9	311.8
March	325.2	149.7	45.0	137.9	370.1	287.6	42.4	26.2	412.5	313.8
April	324.1	150.1	45.6	139.3	369.7	289.4	42.2	26.4	411.9	315.8
May	322.9	150.6	46.6	140.2	369.5	290.8	41.7	26.7	411.2	317.5
June	321.8	151.1	47.5	140.7	369.3	291.8	41.2	27.0	410.5	318.8
1996 - 97 -										
July	320.8	151.3	48.2	140.8	369.0	292.1	41.0	27.4	410.0	319.4
August	320.1	151.1	48.4	140.6	368.5	291.7	41.2	27.6	409.7	319.4
September	319.7	150.6	48.4	140.6	368.1	291.2	41.5	27.7	409.6	319.0
October	319.7	150.1	48.1	140.6	367.8	290.7	41.8	27.7	409.6	318.5
November	320.0	149.5	47.8	140.6	367.8	290.1	42.0	27.7	409.8	317.8
December	320.4	149.2	47.2	140.3	367.6	289.5	42.2	27.7	409.8	317.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND										
1995 - 96 -										
January	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.3	0.2	0.8	-0.1	0.3
February	-0.2	0.1	0.2	1.0	-0.2	0.5	0.2	0.8	-0.1	0.5
March	-0.3	0.1	1.4	1.2	-0.1	0.6	0.2	0.8	-0.1	0.6
April	-0.3	0.3	1.3	1.0	-0.1	0.6	-0.5	0.8	-0.1	0.6
May	-0.4	0.3	2.2	0.6	-0.1	0.5	-1.2	1.1	-0.2	0.5
June	-0.3	0.3	1.9	0.4	-0.1	0.3	-1.2	1.1	-0.2	0.4
1996 - 97 -										
July	-0.3	0.1	1.5	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.5	1.5	-0.1	0.2
August	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.7	-0.1	0.0
September	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	0.4	0.0	-0.1
October	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.2
November	0.1	-0.4	-0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2
December	0.1	-0.2	-1.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.2



**LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER**  
**South Australia**

Period	Civilian Population aged 15 and over Males (000)	Civilian Population aged 15 and over Females (000)	Unemploy- ment rate Ages 15-19 Persons (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Males (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Females (%)	Unemploy- ment rate All Ages Persons (%)	Partici- pation rate Males (%)	Partici- pation rate Females (%)	Partici- pation rate Persons (%)
<b>ANNUAL AVERAGE</b>									
1985-86	526.9	545.6	20.6	8.2	8.8	8.4	75.6	46.8	60.5
1986-87	534.8	552.4	22.1	8.9	9.1	9.0	74.4	48.5	61.3
1987-88	542.4	560.0	20.8	8.8	9.1	8.9	73.5	48.9	61.0
1988-89	547.9	566.9	17.8	7.9	7.9	7.9	74.3	50.0	62.0
1989-90	552.4	573.4	16.2	6.9	7.2	7.1	74.6	50.6	62.4
1990-91	558.3	579.8	19.2	9.1	8.4	8.8	74.7	51.6	63.0
1991-92	563.9	585.4	25.0	12.1	9.9	11.2	72.9	50.7	61.6
1992-93	567.4	588.9	26.6	12.6	10.0	11.5	72.8	51.0	61.7
1993-94	570.6	592.0	28.3	11.5	9.8	10.8	71.7	51.2	61.3
1994-95	573.7	594.7	25.2	10.9	9.2	10.2	71.5	52.4	61.8
1995-96	576.2	597.1	27.2	10.3	8.3	9.5	71.7	52.4	61.9
<b>PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE</b>									
1986-87	1.5	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1987-88	1.4	1.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1988-89	1.0	1.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1989-90	0.8	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1990-91	1.1	1.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1991-92	1.0	1.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1992-93	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1993-94	0.6	0.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1994-95	0.6	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1995-96	0.4	0.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>MONTHLY, ORIGINAL</b>									
1995 - 96 -									
October	575.5	596.5	30.8	10.5	8.1	9.5	71.7	51.3	61.3
November	575.7	596.7	25.3	9.8	7.6	8.9	71.7	51.8	61.6
December	575.9	596.9	25.6	9.7	8.2	9.1	72.6	52.7	62.5
January	576.2	597.2	30.5	10.9	9.6	10.4	72.1	51.4	61.6
February	576.5	597.5	30.5	11.2	9.5	10.5	72.3	52.3	62.1
March	576.7	597.7	26.6	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.5	52.6	61.9
April	577.0	598.0	24.6	10.2	8.5	9.5	71.7	53.0	62.2
May	577.3	598.2	27.3	10.1	8.4	9.4	70.7	53.2	61.8
June	577.6	598.5	22.4	9.3	7.5	8.5	70.6	53.0	61.7
1996 - 97 -									
July	578.0	598.9	24.1	9.3	8.1	8.8	70.7	53.2	61.8
August	578.4	599.2	23.8	10.2	8.4	9.4	70.4	52.9	61.5
September	578.8	599.6	23.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	70.6	53.5	61.9
October	579.1	599.9	20.7	10.0	8.5	9.3	70.4	53.2	61.7
November	579.5	600.2	22.2	10.1	8.0	9.2	70.8	52.3	61.4
December	579.8	600.5	n.y.a.	9.9	9.1	9.6	71.6	53.6	62.5
<b>MONTHLY, TREND</b>									
1995 - 96 -									
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.2	9.5	72.1	51.9	61.8
November				10.2	8.2	9.4	72.0	51.8	61.7
December				10.2	8.3	9.4	71.9	51.8	61.7
January				10.2	8.3	9.4	71.8	51.9	61.7
February				10.3	8.4	9.4	71.6	52.2	61.7
March				10.3	8.4	9.4	71.5	52.5	61.8
April				10.2	8.4	9.4	71.4	52.8	61.9
May				10.1	8.4	9.4	71.2	53.1	62.0
June				10.0	8.5	9.4	71.1	53.3	62.0
1996 - 97 -									
July				10.0	8.6	9.4	70.9	53.3	62.0
August				10.0	8.7	9.4	70.8	53.3	61.9
September				10.1	8.7	9.5	70.8	53.2	61.8
October				10.2	8.7	9.6	70.7	53.1	61.8
November				10.3	8.7	9.6	70.7	53.0	61.7
December				10.3	8.7	9.6	70.7	52.8	61.6

**AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES**  
**South Australia**

Period	Full-time adults						All employees		
	Ordinary time earnings			Total earnings			Males	Females	Persons
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons			
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1985-86	406.30	340.50	388.30	431.80	346.60	408.40	389.00	252.70	334.50
1986-87	431.80	363.70	412.20	455.90	370.20	431.20	411.80	268.90	352.20
1987-88	458.60	389.70	438.40	485.00	397.00	459.20	440.10	295.10	379.60
1988-89	481.50	424.30	465.70	517.60	435.10	494.90	473.40	315.10	408.50
1989-90	517.50	454.90	499.40	560.70	466.50	533.50	511.60	338.00	437.80
1990-91	561.30	486.10	537.90	598.90	496.10	566.90	546.70	358.10	462.00
1991-92	588.40	524.10	567.80	624.90	534.00	595.80	564.80	386.90	483.70
1992-93	610.10	534.90	585.40	646.40	546.80	613.70	560.00	382.60	477.40
1993-94	625.10	547.60	600.00	667.50	560.10	632.70	595.10	396.60	503.30
1994-95	632.70	559.10	608.20	681.70	572.50	645.30	599.90	411.90	513.40
1995-96	653.80	555.90	622.50	703.15	568.50	660.05	620.10	403.90	520.65
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
1986-87	6.3	6.8	6.2	5.6	6.8	5.6	5.9	6.4	5.3
1987-88	6.2	7.1	6.4	6.4	7.2	6.5	6.9	9.7	7.8
1988-89	5.0	8.9	6.2	6.7	9.6	7.8	7.6	6.8	7.6
1989-90	7.5	7.2	7.2	8.3	7.2	7.8	8.1	7.3	7.2
1990-91	8.5	6.9	7.7	6.8	6.3	6.3	6.9	5.9	5.5
1991-92	4.8	7.8	5.6	4.3	7.6	5.1	3.3	8.0	4.7
1992-93	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.4	2.4	3.0	-0.8	-1.1	-1.3
1993-94	2.5	2.4	2.5	3.3	2.4	3.1	6.3	3.7	5.4
1994-95	1.2	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.2	2.0	0.8	3.9	2.0
1995-96	3.3	-0.6	2.4	3.1	-0.7	2.3	3.4	-1.9	1.4
QUARTERLY (\$ per week)									
1993 - 94 -									
18 February	619.90	548.80	597.30	665.30	558.80	631.50	601.30	405.50	512.80
20 May	622.90	551.40	599.80	664.30	567.10	632.90	595.80	399.80	504.80
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	628.20	553.70	602.60	674.20	566.70	637.20	591.40	410.80	507.40
18 November	619.10	558.00	598.60	667.50	572.80	635.70	586.90	410.20	505.10
17 February	648.40	560.80	619.90	699.90	572.80	658.50	620.10	415.80	527.90
19 May	635.10	563.90	611.70	685.20	577.80	649.90	601.10	410.80	513.30
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	639.90	560.10	613.80	684.50	571.80	647.60	600.80	408.60	510.20
17 November	647.60	549.20	616.10	693.10	560.90	650.90	607.60	396.30	510.60
16 February	658.90	557.20	626.30	713.60	569.50	667.30	631.40	402.40	527.20
17 May	668.90	557.10	633.80	721.40	571.80	674.40	640.50	408.30	534.60
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	666.70	562.40	632.40	720.10	574.40	672.30	628.50	403.60	523.60
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING REFERENCE DATE IN PREVIOUS YEAR									
1994 - 95 -									
17 February	4.6	2.2	3.8	5.2	2.5	4.3	3.1	2.5	2.9
19 May	2.0	2.3	2.0	3.1	1.9	2.7	0.9	2.8	1.7
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	1.9	1.2	1.9	1.5	0.9	1.6	1.6	-0.5	0.6
17 November	4.6	-1.6	2.9	3.8	-2.1	2.4	3.5	-3.4	1.1
16 February	1.6	-0.6	1.0	2.0	-0.6	1.3	1.8	-3.2	-0.1
17 May	5.3	-1.2	3.6	5.3	-1.0	3.8	6.6	-0.6	4.1
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	4.2	0.4	3.0	5.2	0.5	3.8	4.6	-1.2	2.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REFERENCE DATE									
1993 - 94 -									
20 May	0.5	0.5	0.4	-0.2	1.5	0.2	-0.9	-1.4	-1.6
1994 - 95 -									
19 August	0.9	0.4	0.5	1.5	-0.1	0.7	-0.7	2.8	0.5
18 November	-1.4	0.8	-0.7	-1.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
17 February	4.7	0.5	3.6	4.9	0.0	3.6	5.7	1.4	4.5
19 May	-2.1	0.6	-1.3	-2.1	0.9	-1.3	-3.1	-1.2	-2.8
1995 - 96 -									
18 August	0.8	-0.7	0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.6
17 November	1.2	-1.9	0.4	1.3	-1.9	0.5	1.1	-3.0	0.1
16 February	1.7	1.5	1.7	3.0	1.5	2.5	3.9	1.5	3.3
17 May	1.5	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.4	1.1	1.4	1.5	1.4
1996 - 97 -									
16 August	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	-1.9	-1.2	-2.1

# **FINANCE COMMITMENTS** **South Australia**

<i>Secured housing finance commitments to individuals</i>						
<i>Construction and purchase of dwellings</i>						
<i>Period</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units</i>	<i>Amount (\$ million)</i>	<i>Alterations and additions (\$ million)</i>	<i>Personal finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Commercial finance commitments (\$ million)</i>	<i>Lease finance commitments (\$ million)</i>
<b>ANNUAL</b>						
1985-86	21,714	920.1	48.9	1,203.9	3,492.7	339.8
1986-87	21,658	965.5	47.1	1,222.4	4,242.8	334.5
1987-88	26,582	1,266.6	47.0	1,448.9	6,486.6	392.1
1988-89	29,977	1,574.2	51.4	1,534.1	7,285.5	512.4
1989-90	25,650	1,438.2	45.8	1,525.7	6,926.4	445.4
1990-91	28,694	1,731.3	58.8	1,503.6	6,257.0	323.2
1991-92	31,765	2,083.8	88.8	1,456.7	6,667.9	256.2
1992-93	36,960	2,569.5	102.8	1,656.9	5,122.5	249.5
1993-94	45,725	3,387.9	221.8	1,840.3	5,467.2	250.6
1994-95	36,429	2,879.7	242.2	2,152.2	5,405.6	271.4
1995-96	38,707	2,982.2	240.7	2,211.5	6,516.2	265.4
<b>PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR</b>						
1986-87	-0.3	4.9	-3.7	1.5	21.5	-1.6
1987-88	22.7	31.2	-0.2	18.5	52.9	17.2
1988-89	12.8	24.3	9.4	5.9	12.3	30.7
1989-90	-14.4	-8.6	-10.9	-0.5	-4.9	-13.1
1990-91	11.9	20.4	28.4	-1.4	-9.7	-27.4
1991-92	10.7	20.4	51.0	-3.1	6.6	-20.7
1992-93	16.4	23.3	15.8	13.7	-23.2	-2.6
1993-94	23.7	31.9	115.7	11.1	6.7	0.5
1994-95	-20.3	-15.0	9.2	16.9	-1.1	8.3
1995-96	6.3	3.6	-0.6	2.8	20.5	-2.2
<b>MONTHLY</b>						
1995 - 96 -						
September	3,161	241.5	18.2	182.4	384.2	18.2
October	3,257	246.9	19.6	179.3	412.6	18.8
November	3,593	271.3	23.3	186.1	488.3	21.0
December	2,981	231.2	17.8	171.1	720.2	25.7
January	2,965	226.9	17.4	175.6	562.2	13.0
February	3,482	264.6	20.6	179.2	447.5	23.4
March	3,694	284.8	23.2	186.1	542.7	25.4
April	3,271	249.5	18.3	175.1	604.8	16.3
May	3,276	252.0	18.9	192.4	773.7	24.8
June	2,707	213.6	26.1	182.0	627.7	31.3
1996 - 97 -						
July	3,013	237.8	21.7	190.8	656.7	22.8
August	2,776	216.9	18.8	182.8	444.4	18.9
September	3,064	250.6	19.4	177.6	492.4	22.2
October	2,965	233.6	14.0	205.3	445.9	15.3
November	3,115	248.1	14.2	190.9	539.1	17.4
<b>PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH</b>						
1995 - 96 -						
October	3.0	2.3	7.6	-1.7	7.4	3.3
November	10.3	9.9	18.9	3.8	18.4	11.7
December	-17.0	-14.8	-23.5	-8.1	47.5	22.3
January	-0.5	-1.9	-2.2	2.6	-21.9	-49.4
February	17.4	16.6	18.1	2.0	-20.4	79.9
March	6.1	7.6	12.8	3.8	21.3	8.4
April	-11.5	-12.4	-20.9	-5.9	11.4	-35.8
May	0.2	1.0	3.2	9.8	27.9	52.1
June	-17.4	-15.2	37.9	-5.4	-18.9	26.2
1996 - 97 -						
July	11.3	11.3	-16.8	4.8	4.6	-27.1
August	-7.9	-8.8	-13.4	-4.2	-32.3	-17.2
September	10.4	15.5	3.4	-2.9	10.8	17.8
October	-3.2	-6.8	-27.9	15.6	-9.4	-31.2
November	5.1	6.2	1.6	-7.0	20.9	14.2

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